



**Texas Master Naturalist Brazos Valley Chapter
Meeting Agenda for June 11, 2015
Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History**

I. Officer and Committee Reports

- A. President - Sarah Laughlin –
- B. Vice President - Bruce Neville –
- C. Secretary- Amanda Schwede - Sign in; approval of May 2015 meeting minutes
- D. Treasurer- Amanda Chau –
- E. Committees
 - 1. Outreach – Olivia Ash, Chair –
 - 2. Membership – Betty Vermeire, Chair – submit your May 2015 hours.
 - 3. Advanced Training – Laura Biddle, Chair –
 - 4. Volunteer Services – Melissa Brown, Chair –
 - 5. Host/Social – Olivia Ash (temp), Chair –
 - 6. Historian – TBD, Chair –
 - 7. Web – Mike Conner, Chair –
 - 8. Program – Bruce Neville, Chair –
 - 9. New Member Training – Dwight Bohlmeier, Chair –

II. Old Business

- A.

III. New Business

- A. Katharine Cupps-working with TWRI and stream team monitoring logistics

IV. Announcements

Upcoming Programs Dates/Calendar Items

- 1. **TMN Summer Meeting Schedule:** (Second Thursdays at 6:30 PM, BVMNH)
June 11, July 9, August 13
- 2. **Monthly Meeting speakers** (each monthly meeting counts for one hour of AT credit)
June 11- , July 9- , August 13-
- 3. **Texas Water Symposium-Regional Growth and Our State Water Planning Process: How You Can Get Involved, June 18;** doors open 6:30, program 7–8:30 pm.
Hill Country University Center, 2818 Highway 290 East, Fredericksburg.
- 4. **Summer Bluebird Symposium Aug 8, 9AM-3PM,** Brazos Cnty Expo Cntr (AT approved). V approved: Our first need is someone to "anchor" the Friday Night Social, locating a BBQ and baked potato caterer. (Details will be provided) We have a few open slots for "anchors" to cover a station at the event. Mostly, we need volunteers to help set up on Friday (7th) and serve, as needed, on Saturday.
- 5. **Healthy Soil Using Natural Growing Practices.** Sat. June 13th 10am – Noon,
Apache Pass Steakhouse, 9132 FM 908 North Rockdale. (AT approved)

6. 2015 Master Volunteer Entomology Specialist Training Sept 28-Oct 2, Conroe
(AT approved)

7. TMN 16th Annual Mtg, Oct 23-25, Horseshoe Bay Resort, Marble Falls

8. AT Comm added [list of pre-approved advanced training activities](#) on BVTMN website. Can also find this list by going to Advanced Training Committee webpage. Note that any AT opportunity that is NOT on this list, must still be submitted for approval.

9. Ongoing activity- Public educational presentations on TV, radio, or group settings that members give on the Texas Master Naturalist Program, or on the following naturalist topics: Texas native plants; water conservation & fresh water management in Texas; Texas invasive plants; Texas wildlife; Texas wildlife habitat management; & endangered/threatened species in Texas. Members would receive credit for time actually presenting & for work such as preparation and travel, that supports the presentation. (V approved)

10. Pre-approved volunteer projects list: Note that you must report the data to the appropriate website for a collecting activity to count for volunteer time. Collecting and reporting data for iNaturalist is approved for volunteer credit. This includes organizational projects such as the development of a iNaturalist guide to a Texas area. Collecting and reporting eBird data is approved for volunteer credit.