

# Texas Master Naturalist Brazos Valley Chapter Meeting Agenda for July 9, 2015 Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History

# I. Officer and Committee Reports

- A. President Bruce Neville –
- B. Vice President Bruce Neville -
- C. Secretary- Amanda Schwede Sign in; approval of June 2015 meeting minutes
- D. Treasurer- Amanda Chau -
- **E.** Committees
  - 1. Outreach Olivia Ash, Chair –
  - 2. Membership Betty Vermeire, Chair submit your June 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 Bohlmeyer, Chair –

### II. Old Business

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# III. <u>New Business</u>

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# IV. <u>Announcements</u>

**Upcoming Programs Dates/Calendar Items** 

- 1. TMN Summer Meeting Schedule: (Second Thursdays at 6:30 PM, BVMNH) July 9, August 13
- **2. Monthly Meeting speakers** (each monthly meeting counts for one hour of AT credit) July 9-, August 13-
- 3. Garden project at the City of College Station Community Services bldg (1207 Texas Avenue.) Join Cheryl Lewis on a Saturday that works for you. 571-6448
  4. Millican Reserve-Camp Millican program June 22-26 and July 6-10 to each of three groups (ages 5-6, 7-8, and 9-10) (V approved)

**5. North American Butterfly Association Butterfly Count, July 11.** Annual butterfly count will start at Lick Creek Park.

**6.** 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.

7. Statewide Quail Symposium Sept 16-18, Abilene. (AT approved)

**8. 2015 Master Volunteer Entomology Specialist Training Sept 28-Oct 2, Conroe** (AT approved)

9. Boonville Days October 10, Brazos Museum of Natural History.

10. TMN 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Mtg, Oct 23-25, Horseshoe Bay Resort, Marble Falls

**11.** AT Comm added <u>list of pre-approved advanced training activities</u> 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.

**12.** 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)

**13.** <u>Pre-approved volunteer projects list</u>: Note that you must report the data to the appropriate website for a collecting activity to count for volunteer time. Collecting <u>and reporting</u> 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 <u>and reporting</u> eBird data is approved for volunteer credit.