



**Texas Master Naturalist Brazos Valley Chapter
Meeting Agenda for December 5, 2014
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 November 2014 meeting minutes
- D. Treasurer- Amanda Chau – If you bought or paid for any supplies or materials for the Chapter, please email me a scanned copy of your receipts (include your mailing address) or bring your receipts to me at our Christmas Social on 12/05. It is very important for our chapter to reimburse any outstanding expenses you paid for on our behalf so we have a better understanding of our expenditure. It is almost time for me to close our book for 2014 and to generate a year-end financial summary report. Please email or give me your receipts ASAP so we can reimburse you.
- E. Committees
 - 1. Outreach – Joyce Conner and Cheryl Lewis, Co-Chairs –
 - 2. Membership – Betty Vermeire, Chair – submit your October hours
 - 3. Advanced Training –Joyce Conner, Chair –
 - 4. Volunteer Service Project – Mike Conner, Chair –
 - 5. Host/Social – Jim Balthrop, Chair –
 - 6. Historian – TBD, Chair –
 - 7. Web – Mike Conner, Chair –
 - 8. Program – Bruce Neville, Chair –
 - 9. New Member Training – Olivia Ash, Chair –

II. Old Business

- A.
- B.

III. New Business

- A. Nominating Committee proposes the following slate of officers to be voted upon at the Chapter's Annual Meeting, 5 December 2014, for the 2015 calendar year:
 - President: Sarah Laughlin
 - Vice President: Bruce Neville
 - Secretary: Amanda Schwede
 - Treasurer: Amanda ChauAdditional nominations may be made from the floor during the meeting.
- B.

IV. Announcements

Upcoming Programs Dates/Calendar Items

- 1. **TMN Fall Meeting Schedule:** (Second Thursdays at 6:30 PM, BVMNH)

December 5 Holiday Social

2. **Monthly Meeting speakers** (each monthly meeting counts for one hour of AT credit)
3. **PSA Birding 101, Sat Dec.6, 8:30 am, Lick Creek Park**
4. **December 10th: RBAS Christmas Bird Count informational Mtg** If you would like to participate in the 2014 College Station Christmas Bird Count Sunday, December 14th, please attend the informational meeting at the Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History at 6:30 pm. You do not have to be an expert birder! People of all birding levels are welcome! Contact Betty Vermeire for more information: bavermeire@suddenlink.net
5. **December 30th: Gibbons Creek Christmas Bird Count.** Contact Darrell Vollert for more information: dvollert1967@yahoo.com
6. **January 3rd: Huntsville Audubon Christmas Bird Count.** More info on the Huntsville Audubon Facebook page.
7. **Urban Riparian Symposium, Feb 11-13, Austin.** We're looking for abstracts to be submitted for presentations. You can find out more at [Online Registration](#)
8. **Texas Riparian & Stream Ecosystem Workshop – Dickinson Bayou Watershed. Feb 27, 9 AM–4:30 PM.** Galveston County Extension Office, La Marque, TX. [Online Registration](#)
9. Dec 1 Early Bird Special- **Children & Nature Network Conference, Apr 7-9**, Hyatt Lost Pines Resort. <http://www.childrenandnature.org/site/conference2015/> (AT approved)
10. **Bioblitz April 24 7-9 PM & 25 9 AM-1 PM.** Lick Creek Park. (pre-approved Volunteer Hours)
11. AT Comm added list of pre-approved advanced training activities on BVTMN website <http://txmn.org/brazos/members-area/membership/2013-committees/advanced-training-committee/preapproved-at/>. Can also find this list by going to Advanced Training Committee webpage. Please check it out. May give you some new ideas for advanced training & also help reduce your need to request approval for activities.
12. Did this to reduce amount of email sent out to membership about advanced training & reduce load on next year's AT committee.
Note that any AT opportunity that is NOT on this list, must still be submitted for approval.
13. 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)
14. **Pre-approved volunteer projects list:** <http://txmn.org/brazos/members-area/volunteer-projects/projects/>. 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.