



**Texas Master Naturalist Brazos Valley Chapter  
Meeting Agenda for April 14, 2016  
Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History**

**I. Old Business**

**II. New Business**

**III. Officer and Committee Reports**

A. President – Bruce Neville – I attended the AgriLife Leader Advisory Board (LAB) meeting on April 1, where I presented a brief report on our recent activities. TMN-BV has not participated in the LAB for some time and was welcomed back. I was asked to be present at the annual County Employee Appreciation Breakfast on April 12, with TMN-BV information.

B. Vice President – Donell Frank –

C. Secretary- Amanda Schwede - Sign in; approval of March 2016 meeting minutes

D. Treasurer- Amanda Chau – As of 04/10/2016, we have a total of \$5057.96 in our account and 51 members who paid their 2016 membership dues.

Also, I would like to remind you all that we will be cleaning up Gabbard/Brison on Saturday, May 07. We will start at 8 am promptly with Gabbard Park and spend the remaining time at Brison Park. We will finish around 10 am.

**E. Committees**

1. Immediate Past President, Olivia Ash -

2. Membership – Betty Vermeire, Chair – To date, 32 members have submitted hours via VMS. About a quarter to a third were submitted incorrectly, for example, the chapter retreat appeared under 4 different designations, and some volunteer opportunities were recorded as AT. However, there is a learning curve.

Several more members attempted to submit volunteer hours, but the specific opportunities were not in the drop-down list. I am sending these to Steve, and hopefully he can get these entered into VMS. Then I can enter members' hours from the pre-45 day window. I have already received one dark chocolate pay-off.

Eight people have inquired about the fall training class. With luck, a few will still be interested in September.

A. Archivist-Historian, vacant –

B. Data Manager, vacant -

3. Advanced Training – Laura Biddle, Chair –

4. Volunteer Service Projects – Steve Simcik, Chair –

5. Host – Deb Wilson, Chair – We have no report.

6. Communication and Outreach – Cheryl Lewis, Chair –

- A. Webmaster – Carol Henrichs –
- 7. New Class Training – Mary Dabney Wilson, Chair –
- 8. New Class Representative, Denise Kieso –
- 9. Agrilife Advisor, Dusty Tittle –
- 10. Advisor, Heather Prestridge –
- 11. Program, Donell Frank –

#### IV. Announcements

##### **Upcoming Programs Dates/Calendar Items**

1. **TMN Spring/Summer Meeting Schedule:** (Second Thursdays at 6:30 PM, BVMNH)  
April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11
2. **Monthly Meeting speakers** (each monthly meeting counts for one hour of AT credit)  
April - Michael Warriner, TWPD, Native Bees of Texas,  
May - Barbara Willy with the Monarch Gateway Organization – Monarch Butterflies and Pocket Prairies (not the official title of her talk, that's what I'm calling it for now)  
With the possibility of doing a workshop to learn about the plants, soil, monarch disease, prairies, etc. Speakers for the workshop includes TPWD, fish and wildlife and other non-profits.
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. **TMPA mine reclamation field trip** w/ Jan Horbaczewski, **Sat, April 16<sup>th</sup>** 8 AM (AT approved)
5. **Producer's Co-op Spring Ag classes - April 16 & May 21** qualify for AT
6. "Native Plants of Central Texas" class, LBJ wildflower center, **April 23<sup>rd</sup>** qualifies for AT
7. **BVTMN resource table volunteering for Earth Day, April 23<sup>rd</sup>** (V approved)
8. **Introduction to Native Landscapes, April 30**, 8 am – 4:30 pm (AT approved)
9. **Monarch Workshop** (full day) with Barbara Willy and speakers. **Sat, May 21<sup>st</sup>**
10. **TMN BV trash pick up at Brison/Gabbard Park, Sat, May 7**, 8 – 10 AM
11. **Master Naturalist 17th Annual Meeting, October 21-23**, LaTorretta, Lake Conroe