



**Texas Master Naturalist Brazos Valley Chapter
Meeting Agenda for May 12, 2016
Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History**

I. Old Business

A. Amanda Chau – 501c3 Status Report:

- Mike did some initial search and came up with a bunch of forms that we need to fill out to apply for 501c3 status.
- Received the Board's approval via email between 04/22/16 to 04/26/16 (10 voted to approve) for the \$400 application fee if and when we are ready to file our 501c3 application.
- Found the formation papers for the chapter but we may have to re-do them. I will be meeting with Mike and Terri before the Board meeting and see if we need to re-do the formation or association paper. Without the association or formation paper, we cannot apply for 501c3.

B. Amanda Chau – Upcoming Stream Team Sampling at Lick Creek:

I would like to remind everyone that the Stream Team will be out sampling at Lick Creek Park on Saturday, 05/14. We will meet up at the Chimney Swift Tower around 7:30 am. If you have not been trained but are interested in helping, please come and join us. Tentative water monitoring training dates (basic training and E.coli training) will be June 11 and 25.

C. Bruce Neville - Background checks. How do we know and what do we do if someone fails a background check?

D. Bruce Neville - Youth Director and Field Trip Manager. I haven't gotten out a call for these. I haven't wanted to bombard folks with emails, but I guess this is important, and I need to do it.

II. New Business

A. Bruce Neville - TMN license plates. Vote was 13/23 would buy a plate, 16/23 said BV chapter should pay its share of the cost.

B. Bruce Neville - Spare programs. We had another close call on a speaker again this month. We need to have a supply of back-up programs available to the VP-Program Chair to call on. I can't do birds and bugs forever. (People are starting to notice.) We have a lot of expertise in our membership that we can leverage.

III. Officer and Committee Reports

A. President – Bruce Neville –

B. Vice President – Donell Frank –

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

D. Treasurer- Amanda Chau – We currently have \$5055.33 in our bank and 52 members who are up-to-date in their 2016 membership fee.

E. Committees

1. Immediate Past President, Olivia Ash –
2. Membership – Betty Vermeire, Chair –
 - 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 – Nothing to 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)
May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11
2. **Monthly Meeting speakers** (each monthly meeting counts for one hour of AT credit)
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. **TMN BV trash pick up at Brison/Gabbard Park, Sat, May 7, 8 – 10 AM**
5. **Monarch Workshop** (full day) with Barbara Willy and speakers. **Sat, May 21st**
6. **Project WILD Workshop**, Humble, TX, **Aug 20th**. (AT approved; does not include travel time or break times). Preregistration is required.
7. **Master Naturalist 17th Annual Meeting, October 21-23**, LaTorretta, Lake Conroe