



Texas Master Naturalist Brazos Valley Chapter Meeting Minutes for March 12, 2015 Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History

Attendance: Olivia Ash, Elrey Ash, Dwight Bohlmeier, Melissa Brown, Sarah Laughlin, Bruce Neville, Amanda Schwede, Betty Vermeire, Deb Wilson

Brought to order by Sarah Laughlin at 5:37 PM.

I. Officer and Committee Reports

- A.** President - Sarah Laughlin – Outreach and volunteer opportunities coming up. Will discuss in more detail in general meeting. Big Event on 28th-be there by 9:30, 20 student volunteers, cleaning two spots we did last year (yaupon, Japanese honeysuckle). Dwight will have a sign-up sheet tonight or email request.
- B.** Secretary- Amanda Schwede - Sign in; approval of February 2015 meeting minutes
- C.** Treasurer- Amanda Chau – If you haven't already paid your BVTMN membership dues, they are \$15.
- D.** Committees
 - 1.** Outreach – Olivia Ash, Chair – Working on first event, Earth Day, April 18th. Eleven volunteers so far and need more. Cheryl Lewis is working on children's booth. Insects, mammals, maybe rodents, fish, plants (encouraging native plants), water conservation for adult booth. Figured Audobon will cover birds so we won't. May contact Andrew Payne about monarchs. The following weekend is BioBlitz. Sarah said Millican Reserve has Farmers Market/Market on the Green on Sunday, April 19th that they are looking for volunteers from 10 AM to 2 PM.
 - 2.** Membership – Betty Vermeire, Chair – submit your February 2015 hours. Look at the TMN website at the new bylaws-new titles for roles. The BVTMN website needs to have these titles updated.
 - 3.** Volunteer Services – Melissa Brown, Chair – see new business A.
 - 4.** Host/Social – Deb Wilson, Chair – Deb Wilson is the new social chair.
 - 5.** New Member Training – Dwight Bohlmeier, Chair – Added back soils. Added back one week. Took out one field trip. Have most of the speakers lined out. Waiting on four to confirm-Jane Packard, Toby Hibbitts, Monique Reed, Jan Horbaczewski. Larry Hysmith for last meeting. See attached for detailed schedule.

II. New Business

- A.** Melissa Brown-The VT committee wants to change Item 5 of the VT guidelines. The proposed change is from:
 - 5. For-profit organizations: Volunteer projects for a for-profit organization cannot be approved.To:
 - 5. For Profit organizations: Volunteer projects for a for-profit organization will not in general be approved. However, if the project will not 'financially' benefit the organization, and the project is

one which is related to a Master Naturalist approved project, then it is possible that volunteer credit can be earned. Such projects will be decided on a case by case basis.

1. Exec board agreed. Bruce moved. Olivia seconded. Board approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 PM.