



Texas Master Naturalist Brazos Valley Chapter
Meeting Minutes for April 9, 2015
Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History

Attendance: Elrey Ash, Olivia Ash, Laura Biddle, Dwight Bohlmeier, Amanda Chau, Katharine Cupps, Darnelle Frank, Rick Laughlin, Sarah Laughlin, Amanda Schwede, Betty Vermeire, Deb Wilson

Sarah brought the meeting to order to 5:38 PM.

I. Officer and Committee Reports

A. President – Sarah Laughlin – Big outreach and volunteer things that are coming up...

1. Earth Day is April 18 and Olivia said we got our booth assignment and adult and children tables. We are next to the El Camino Chapter and their bat display. She has it on her iPad for everyone to look at tonight for location. If you would like to sign-up, note it on the sign-up sheet (passed around). BRTC will be loaning us some specimens and Dwight will loan pelts. Will provide two lunches (pizza). Also has 200 copies of invasive species brochure that needs to be folded for volunteer hours. Sarah will make seed balls. Olivia will make trip to storage shed.
2. BioBlitz is the following weekend, April 24. Betty read email from student coordinator and Betty will send her the list of TMN volunteer names. Requested TMN table and bird survey. Event is 10 AM to 4 PM; set-up table and canopy ~9 AM.
3. Amanda C. & Sarah L.-Cache In Trash Out (CITO)@Carter Creek Trail trash pick-up April 26th
4. Sarah needs to schedule with the city-Bryson Park and Gabbard Park clean-up May 2nd 9-11 AM. Maybe an hour for each park.
5. Olivia-BRTC garden clean-up, maybe a Wednesday in May-tentative May 6th

B. Secretary- Amanda Schwede – Sign in; approval of March 2015 meeting minutes

C. Treasurer- Amanda Chau –

D. Committees

1. Membership – Betty Vermeire, Chair – submit your March 2015 hours.
2. Host/Social – Deb Wilson, Chair – Requested sign-up sheet for food/drinks be posted to the BVTMN website. Amanda C. will put it up when she gets it from her.
3. New Member Training – Dwight Bohlmeier, Chair – 17 students and three or four BVTMN volunteers helped with Big Event at Lick Creek Park. Cleared trails. Amanda C. mentioned Sarah has a blog pictures can be posted to. Dwight posted some to the Facebook page. Needs to update (Betty has it) the training application form. Price is same as last year (\$140). Amanda will update it to the web as well.

II. New Business

- A. Katharine Cupps-working with TWRI and stream team monitoring logistics—**Deciding where to store the kits, when to do the training, who wants to volunteer for training and sampling. Needs two people at a time, involves chemicals, requires data recording, Ecoli testing at their facility, a lot of logistics. She recommends TWRI keep the kits and we would check them out, which

would require advanced notice to check them out during business hours. She will ask him about the above details and wants to let him know who is interested in volunteering, maybe a sign-up sheet or email request to Google groups, and get it to him. Katharine will work with Melissa on it.

Sarah adjourned the meeting at 6:14 PM. Amanda C. seconded.