



**Texas Master Naturalist Brazos Valley Chapter**  
**Meeting Minutes for May 14, 2015**  
**Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History**

Attendance: Olivia Ash, Dwight Bohlmeier, Amanda Chau, Mike Conner, Bruce Neville, Amanda Schwede, Betty Vermeire, Deb Wilson.

The meeting was brought to order at 5:34 PM by Bruce Neville.

**I. Officer and Committee Reports**

- A. President - Sarah Laughlin – Bruce Neville on behalf of Sarah Laughlin – 23 adults and 16 kids at BioBlitz and 102 adults and 72 kids at Millican Reserve. RBAS is composing a letter to BioBlitz that they will continue to participate in bird survey but will not host a children's table due to low turn-out, i.e. lack of publicity.  
Rick and Sarah will be here through June. Leaving for Kingsville and job. BVTMN Vice President will take over after that. RBAS still looking for replacement.
- B. Vice President - Bruce Neville – Working on Summer speakers.
- C. Secretary- Amanda Schwede - Sign in; approval of April 2015 meeting minutes; approved unanimously.
- D. Treasurer- Amanda Chau – financial status updated on web. Recently purchased 12 trash grabbers for BVTMN.
- E. Committees
  - 1. Outreach – Olivia Ash, Chair – BioBlitz (already covered)-16 members volunteered, three display booths, lots of interaction with the public, tallied over 300 adults and 180 children.
  - 2. Membership – Betty Vermeire, Chair – submit your April 2015 hours. Several inquiries about upcoming class. Inquiries through website are more fruitful than sign-up sheets at outreach events.
  - 3. Advanced Training – Laura Biddle, Chair –
  - 4. Volunteer Services – Melissa Brown, Chair – Olivia mentioned BRTC front garden area needs work. Suggested maybe a Thursday evening, such as May 28<sup>th</sup> or early in June but the sooner the better due to heat. Olivia will put out feelers and Dwight said Heather can see if she can get mulch from the city.
  - 5. Host/Social – Deb Wilson, Chair – People are signing up. Will need to buy supplies, though. All supplies have been taken from the portable building at the BRTC.
  - 6. Historian – TBD, Chair – discussion of what the historian should do according to the by-laws. Tentative solution-document events via blog.
  - 7. Web – Mike Conner, Chair –
  - 8. Program – Bruce Neville, Chair –
  - 9. New Member Training – Dwight Bohlmeier, Chair – Waiting on a couple of responses.

**II. New Business**

- A. Katharine Cupps-working with TWRI and stream team monitoring logistics. Training is May 30<sup>th</sup> per Betty.

Amanda Chau moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 PM.