



Texas Master Naturalist Brazos Valley Chapter Meeting Minutes for June 11, 2015 Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History

Attendance: Elrey Ash, Olivia Ash, Laura Biddle, Dwight Bohlmeier, Amanda Chau, Sarah Laughlin, Sue McBeth Welfel, Bruce Neville, Amanda Schwede, Steve Simcik, Betty Vermiere, Deb Wilson.

Sarah brought meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

I. Officer and Committee Reports

- A.** President - Sarah Laughlin – Michelle Haggerty's email about the TMN Operational Handbook. Sarah will send out for review. Sarah will also send Mary Pearl Meuth email to Dwight about response request of next training dates for BVTMN chapter. According to bylaws, Bruce will take over after Sarah leaves. Millican Reserve contact and outreach-Laura Biddle agreed to be new contact. Trash pick-up with city (Brison and Gabbard Parks)-Amanda Chau agreed to take over as contact. After two clean-ups, website says they will advertise via sign that the park is cleaned by BVTMN. Lick Creek Park and future changes by City of College Station-Dwight Bohlmeier agreed to take over as contact for BVTMN. Blog-having Gmail account will allow anyone access to blog. Maybe Mike Conner?
- B.** Secretary- Amanda Schwede - Sign in; approval of May 2015 meeting minutes
- C.** Treasurer- Amanda Chau – 48 paid members; \$4471.15 balance.
- D.** Committees
 - 1. Outreach – Olivia Ash, Chair – Booneville Days October 10th.
 - 2. Membership – Betty Vermeire, Chair – submit your May 2015 hours. For May 2015, 202.5 volunteer hours, 51.5 advanced training hours, 25 people have turned in hours. Michelle's TMN Operating Handbook email (previously mentioned above by Sarah)-clarifications, changes, acronym for online reporting system; suggested for exec board to read over. They will give us online training for new system once we start using it. After hours submitted, email goes to person keeping hours to verify before sent to TMN. Suggested we have election for next year sooner so that incoming president can attend president's breakfast at annual meeting prior to start of term, i.e. president elect. Can update the BVTMN Operating Handbook to update with early election for next year to take advantage of annual conference president's breakfast.
 - 3. New Member Training – Dwight Bohlmeier, Chair – Pretty much all set for next training class. Only waiting on geology. Not doing Sugar Loaf Mountain this year.

II. New Business

- A.** Dwight-needs a show of hands from business meeting of how many people will volunteer for BRTC work day next Wednesday and Sarah agreed to get the numbers.

Amanda Chau moved to adjourn. Adjourned at 6:14 PM.