



Texas Master Naturalist Brazos Valley Chapter Meeting Minutes for September 10, 2015 Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History

Attendance: Elrey Ash, Olivia Ash, Laura Biddle, Dwight Bohlmeier, Amanda Chau, John Cupps, Donell Frank, Bruce Neville, Amanda Schwede, Betty Vermeire, Sue McBeth Welfel, Deborah Wilson

The meeting was brought to order by Bruce Neville at 5:37 PM.

I. Officer and Committee Reports

- A.** President – Bruce Neville –
- B.** Vice President - Bruce Neville –
- C.** Secretary- Amanda Schwede - August 2015 meeting minutes approved.
- D.** Treasurer- Amanda Chau – 48 active members; \$4278.69. Please cash your BVTMN checks ASAP as it makes the bank account total inaccurate.
- E.** Committees
 - 1.** Outreach – Olivia Ash, Chair – Oct 10 (9-4) is Booneville Days is coming up. Committee focused on a certain three or four species that can relate from the 1850's to today. Gathering facts on these and their historical data. Considering prairie chickens, monarch caterpillars, nutria, encouraging planting native plants, interrupted migration due to building/clearing. Also considering something more general, like the plight of the amphibian, prairie and forest disappearing.
Oct 11 (10-4) is Pumpkinpalooza-expecting 6000 people. Opportunity for organizations to come out and show what their about at Millican Reserve. We need to figure out who's volunteering for it.
Betty will send out high school advertisement about collecting any circuit board-type stuff that Household Hazard Waste won't take. Oct 19 (a game day.)
 - 2.** Membership – Betty Vermeire, Chair – submit your August 2015 hours.
 - 3.** Advanced Training – Laura Biddle, Chair – Will send an email about next week and future classes and how they can count for AT credit if not previously attended. Bruce will send out an evaluation about Tuesday's training class presentation.
 - 4.** Volunteer Services – Melissa Brown, Chair – Amanda Chau would like to schedule another park clean-up around mid-October/November when there are no home games or conflicts with other meetings like annual TMN meeting, class field trips, etc.
 - 5.** Host/Social – Olivia Ash (temp), Chair – Deb Wilson: Good turn-out for the training class. Would like the new member email from Betty and information so that she could start scheduling the holiday get-together in December. Also a member of Universal Utilitarian Church and will look at scheduling a Friday or Saturday in December (4, 5, 11 or 12.) Avoid Christmas Bird Count date. Deb will check on the 5th and 12th dates. She will also check on the 19th for Betty for Audobon Bird Count dinner reservation. Potluck, social committee decorates.
 - 6.** Historian – TBD, Chair – Betty is working on all past data to submit to the state for the new system. Got training class data from Kitty and Dwight offered to provide his Excel files from

first five years. Then have to go through all volunteer and advanced trainings and validate they meet state guidelines for minimum qualifications to be considered volunteer or advanced training.

7. Web – Mike Conner, Chair –
8. Program – Bruce Neville, Chair – October and November meeting presentations decided but no location for October meetings. BRTC suggested. October is *Frog Calls* with Marsha May.
9. New Member Training – Dwight Bohlmeier, Chair – 13 for sure. International group.

II. Old Business

- A. Bruce talked with Deborah about the Jay Pritchard Trail and she's going to contact the sign people. Bruce will let everyone know.
- B. Bruce was hoping to get the Nominating Committee going. Olivia agreed to start on it tomorrow.

III. New Business

- A. Dwight verified Master Naturalists can come to the Audobon field trip at Salter Research Farm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM.