



**Texas Master Naturalist Brazos Valley Chapter**  
**Meeting Minutes for March 13, 2014**  
**Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History**

Attendance: Elrey Ash, Olivia Ash, Jim Balthrop, Amanda Chau, Joyce Conner, Rick Laughlin, Sarah Laughlin, Cheryl Lewis, Bruce Neville, Amanda Schwede, Steve Simcik, Betty Vermiere.

Sarah Laughlin called the meeting to order at 5:37 PM.

**I. Officer and Committee Reports**

**A. President - Sarah Laughlin –**

**1. Upcoming events...**

- a. Big Event on March 29<sup>th</sup>, need four to five volunteers, Dwight is heading up
  - b. Earth Day April 5<sup>th</sup>-Joyce reserved two tables, Dwight is in charge of literature both and Barbara Pritchard in charge of children's booth
  - c. BioBlitz April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>-team volunteer requests; only known is Bruce coordinating the bird survey; tables with displays set up by 8 or 9 AM; need to get information from students; Sarah will contact the students as point of contact for BVTMN; Cheryl-opportunity for TMN outreach and brochures (may need to bring our own table(s))
  - d. Hazardous Waste drop off April 26<sup>th</sup>-online sign-up to volunteer
- 2. Dusty Tittle might be coming next month. Sarah will compile a list of questions and send to him so that he's prepared for the meeting**
- 3. Lick Creek Park Nature Center advisory board that also meets with the City (David Schmitts) [Friends of Lick Creek Park, BV Audobon Society, BVTMN]-would like to form a BVTMN subcommittee and will seek volunteers for natural botany area and it's maintenance; Sarah and Amanda C. will work on blog and connect to public BVTMN site (Rick already has one for Audobon)**

**B. Vice President - Bruce Neville – no speaker lined up yet for next month**

**C. Secretary- Amanda Schwede - Sign in; approval of Feb 2014 meeting minutes**

**D. Treasurer- Amanda Chau – \$3621.46 in account; 43 paid members**

**E. Committees**

**1. Outreach – Joyce Conner and Cheryl Lewis, Co-Chairs –**

- a. Cheryl-BVTMN and CoCS will landscape a community garden of native plants; BVTMN will design materials for informational handouts and will include in budget that Cheryl submits to the City; include BVTMN natural plant donations in budget (seeds, timbers, manure, etc.)
  - b. Joyce-designed an official paper from AgriLife Bookstore to advertise our BVTMN chapter. Will also be printing up more brochures.
- 2. Membership – Betty Vermiere, Chair – has a bunch of hours; write them down and send them to Betty**

3. Advanced Training –Joyce Conner, Chair –trying to reduce emails; please let her know of any you want credit for
4. Volunteer Service Project – Mike Conner, Chair –
5. Host/Social – Melissa Kamerbeek and Jim Balthrop, Co-Chairs –
6. Historian – Terry Juneck, Chair –
7. Web – Mike Conner, Chair –
8. Program – Bruce Neville, Chair –
9. New Member Training – Olivia Ash, Chair – will post a schedule next month of the classes; have a couple of new leads from the Home & Garden Show

**II. Old Business**

- A. Olivia-Heather contacted her and Dwight about Millican Reserve and meeting with the man out there to get more details about the Summer
- B. Joyce and Betty-no decision made on new tee shirts

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 PM.