



Texas Master Naturalist Brazos Valley Chapter Meeting Minutes for August 8, 2013 Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History

Present at Board Meeting: Olivia Ash, Dwight Bohlmeier, Amanda Chau, Joyce Connor, Cheryl Lewis, Bruce Neville, Amanda Schwede, Steve Simcik, Betty Vermiere

Minutes of Board Meeting

I. Officer and Committee Reports

- A.** President – Olivia Ash – Brought meeting to order at 5:35 PM.
- B.** Vice President – Jim Balthrop –
- C.** Secretary – Amanda Schwede - Sign in; approval of June and July 2013 meeting minutes.
- D.** Treasurer – Amanda Chau – No money spent; account balance same as July and same number of paid members.
- E.** Outreach – Dwight Bohlmeier, Chair – Attendance at Outreach events: BioBlitz-35 adults, 40 children; First Friday in June-64 adults, 32 children; First Friday in July-115 adults, 47 children. Dwight then discussed a Junior Naturalist event proposed by the City of College Station, eventually to be held at Lick Creek Park. Three dates in the Fall (September 12 at Crompton Park, October 3 and November 7) and three dates in the Spring (yet to be determined). Each event would be held at a different park in College Station. Expect about 20 children with parents. Dwight would like to plan events that would be fun for children (invasive species, diversity, aquatic activity, insects at Bee Creek, etc.). Children will register through City of College Station to participate. This event is organized through Dana Albrecht with City Park and Recreation. City of College Station wants to do this event before the new nature center opens at Lick Creek Park. Dwight will send an email with details and ask for volunteers and suggestions. Dwight will also organize a planning meeting to prepare for the event (background checks are required for volunteers, things to do, places to do them, etc.).
- F.** Training – Bruce Neville, Chair – Proposed name change for Training Committee: Because of continued confusion between the "Training Committee" and the "Advanced Training Committee," the former would like to change its name officially to "New Member Training Committee." This change requires an amendment to the Chapter's Operating Handbook.

This email (7/29/13) constitutes notice that the Board will be asked to consider the proposed name change at its regular meeting 10 days hence, 8 August 2013, at 5:30 pm, at the Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History. Members who have comments or concerns regarding this change may be present at the meeting to voice their concerns or may send them by email in advance to Chapter President Olivia Ash (email available on the Chapter website Members area) prior to the meeting. Bruce Neville moved to change the name of the committee from "Training Committee" to "New Member Training Committee." Joyce Connor seconded. Passed unanimously.

- G.** Membership – Betty Vermeire, Chair –
- H.** Advanced Training –Mike and Joyce Conner, Co-Chairs –
- I.** Volunteer Service Project – Mike Conner, Chair –
- J.** Host/Social – Joyce Conner, Chair – Upcoming events - **Sept. 10**, refreshments for first Fall training class; **Sept. 21**, Fall Social, Bird Survey (see in announcements below), Meet New Trainees and Potluck at Cedar Hill Ranch, Gause; **Nov. 12**, refreshments for last Fall training class; **Dec. 7**, Holiday Day Party and Potluck at Ferguson Showroom, Bryan. Please save dates (more information to come later). Joyce Connor is looking for social responses for September but she will email out a reminder.
- K.** Historian – Terry Junek, Chair –
- L.** Web – Amanda Chau, Chair –
- M.** Program – Jim Balthrop, Chair –

II. Old Business

- A.** Booneville Days coming up October 5th: Ideas of what to have at the TMN table were discussed. Maybe non-invasive (native) plant information/examples, animal pelts, brochures, appleheaded dolls, making dried bois d'arc (hedge apple) ornaments, cornhusk dolls.

III. New Business

- A.** September Expo Fair (Olivia Ash): Long days (5-8, Thursday-Sunday), time intensive, during a very busy time of year for BVTMN, short notice. Because of these considerations, Executive Board recommends not participating this year and delay to next year.
- B.** Lick Creek Park: Concerns over destruction of trails and habitat were voiced by several members.
- C.** WorldFest at Wolf Pen Creek: More of a cultural than a naturalist even. BVTMN will not participate.

Amanda Chau moved to adjourn. Joyce Connor seconded. Meeting adjourned 6:24 PM.

Chapter meeting called to order by Olivia Ash at 6:34 PM

Present at Chapter meeting: Those present at Board meeting, plus: Jim Anding, Kitty Anding, Jo Anne Bates, Laura Biddle, Katharine Cupps, Jackie Girouard, Molly Harris, Carol Henrichs, Rick Laughlin, Sarah Laughlin, Madge Luquette, Charlene Lusk, E. Sue McBeth Welfel, Barbara Pritchard, Jay Pritchard, Janet Quiram, Cynthia Stephens, Sandy White, Mary Dabney Wilson

1. Approval of June minutes: Barbara Pritchard moved to approve. Amanda Chau seconded. Passed
unanimously
2. Approval of July minutes: Jim Anding moved to approve. Jay Pritchard seconded. Passed
unanimously.
3. No new updates to treasurer report.
4. Same outreach report from Dwight Bohlmeier on junior master naturalist activities through the City
of College Station.
5. Training report-same as Board meeting: Still need two hosts. Chance to make up a class you may
have missed from previous training. Schedule is on the website.
6. Membership-send in hours
7. Host/social committee-Joyce Connor will send out sign up sheets for refreshments for training class.
Same social events as in Executive Board meeting. Joyce Connor will send an email reminder
For September social.
8. Olivia Ash-same reports on September ExpoFair, September 6 First Friday (Joyce Connor and
Cheryl Lewis are planners), Booneville Days, and concerns over Lick Creek Park construction.

Bruce Neville moved to adjourn. Dwight Bohlmeier seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:59 PM.