

Texas Master Naturalist Brazos Valley Chapter
Minutes of Meeting Held Thursday, November 10, 2011

Attendees: Jim Anding, Kitty Anding, Olivia Ash, Jim Balthrop, Jo Ann Bates, Dwight Bohlmeier, , Amanda Chau, Joyce Connor, , Mike Connor, Jim Cummings, , Molly Harris, Bob Hole, Charlene Lusk, Bruce Neville, Christy Northcliffe, Barbara Pritchard, Jay Pritchard, Janet Quiram, Kara Rosch, Leslie Ruyle, Amanda Schwede, Steve Simcik, Libby Vastano, Betty Vermeire, Randy Williams, Mary Dabney Wilson.

President Steve Simcik called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Reports:

Secretary: The Secretary thanked Betty Vermeire for taking the October minutes which were moved for approval by Jim Anding and seconded by Amanda Chau.

Treasurer: The current balance is \$4,050.46. The \$900 in expenses included the chapter shirts.

Outreach: No report.

Training: The 2011 class will complete its training on October 31st. Of the 23 trainees, 21 completed the training course. They were the first to order the chapter shirts. The class material is now available on the chapter website.

Membership: 20+ members contributed to the 3rd Quarter (Jan-Sep) hours total. These included 1,084.45 volunteer hours and 375 advanced training. 3 members were certified and 10 were recertified. The certification pin for 2011 was the horny lizard while the 2012 pin will be the bat. Be sure to sign up for the XMAS Bird Count.

Advanced Training:

Advanced training has been approved for:

Nov. 9: "Wind farms with stewardship for avian/bat species" will be presented by Stuart Webster at the BV Museum of Natural History.

Speaker tonight: Ken Johnson on the topic "Texas Crawdads."

Volunteer Services: Be sure that requested volunteer hours are appropriate for TMN.

Carter Creek Trail: same activities as in previous months.

Farmers Market: They want us to participate but did not have an available table. We may revisit this in the future.

Milam County "tray averium": potential activity.

Social:

Nov 12 (Sat.): Tour Hamilton Pool. RSVP tonight.

Dec. 8: XMAS party needs a venue.

Historian: The committee is still accepting photos, especially from 2011 class. Terry contributed photos for the Chapter Slideshow at the State Meeting.

Old Business:

2011 TMN State Meeting: Betty, Steve, and Molly described the classes they attended. They learned our chapter falls about in the middle in size. The 2012 State Meeting will be Oct 26-28 at Camp Allen, Navasota. We need to contribute to it.

In January we will begin reporting hours through the TMN state website. The state calculates that each volunteer hour we report is worth \$19.50. The 2,256 hours reported were worth almost \$5 million.

The new projector has arrived and will be tried out tonight.

Nov 14: Extension Banquet.

New Business:

Amanda Chau asked if we should establish either/or a Flickr or a Shutterfly account to maintain our photos as some chapters already do. A motion was made and carried to have Jim Cummings look into it.

Dwight Bohlmeier needs general wildlife photos (animals, flowers, etc.) to post each month on the website calendar.

A motion was made by Amanda Chau to adjourn and was seconded by Charlene Lusk. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Harris, Secretary