



## **Texas Master Naturalist Brazos Valley Chapter Meeting Minutes for June 13, 2013 Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History**

Present at Board Meeting: Mary Nelle Armstrong, Olivia Ash, Amanda Chau, Dwight Bohlmeier, Joyce Conner, Lisa Davenport, Terry Junek, Bruce Neville, Amanda Schwede, Steve Simcik, Betty Vermeire

### **Minutes of Board Meeting**

President: Olivia Ash called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

Treasurer: Amanda Chau-The balance of our TMNBV account as of June 12, 2013 is \$3596.12 and we have 47 voting (paid) members.

Program: Jim Balthrop-acquired new speakers. See update under announcements #2.

### **Committee Reports**

Training: Bruce Neville-The Training Committee met on 6 June. The fall schedule still has some holes, but has been posted to the website. We still need an entomologist. Bart Drees, who has done the session for years has retired and indicated that he is not available to do them. We have sent out letters to potential instructors but have received no replies. A couple suggestions were received during the membership meeting. Tuition has been held at \$140. The application has been updated and posted to the website. Publicity has begun. The deadline for registration is August 31. The call for hosts has gone out. A sign-up sheet was circulated during the membership meeting, and nearly all slots are filled.

Dates for a spring class have been set at 28 January through 8 April. This allows for no class during Spring Break week and ends just before Easter/Passover. Most speakers have indicated that they are available for a spring class, but we don't have a schedule yet. The order of classes will necessarily differ. We can't have the fish field trip in early February, for example.

There has been continuing confusion between the "Training Committee" and the "Advanced Training Committee," so we would like to change the name of our committee to "New Member Training Committee." As we read the Chapter Operating Handbook, this can be done with a vote of the Board with 10 days written (email) notice to the membership, so we will send a notice to the google-group prior to the July meeting and vote on the change in July.

Membership: Betty Vermeire-As of this morning, 17 people turned in hours. 212.5 volunteer hours and 34.25 advanced training hours.

Advanced Training: Mike Conner-free invasive plant species workshop. 22 people. Limited to 30 people. Boxed lunch is \$8. Email Amanda Chau. She will email the invasive plant species workshop meeting.

Outreach: Dwight Bohlmeier-Met with Chad Murphy this morning. Millican Reserve.

1. Next Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, waiver of responsibility-Millican Reserve. 2000 acres of that, setting aside 1000 acres for wildlife. Bulldozed a trail. Has a lake, creeks, coyotes. See handout-release is good for lifetime. We should make a copy for BVTMN records. Limit to 10 to 15 kids the first time. Sweep netting, dragonflies. 9 AM. Members welcome to come out. Need two volunteers. Dwight will email same people from Junior Master Naturalists two years ago.
2. Dwight and Heather Prestridge met with Dana Albrecht on the new Junior Master Naturalist program. See email handout. Can use parks and all of their facilities. One night per month for six months, skipping December. Can be in catalog. First Thursday of the month.
  - a. Also looking at an adult program. Also first Thursday of the month. Hold during the day so Junior Master Naturalist program on same day can be in morning.

Web: Amanda Chau-digital and print photo submission.

Social/Host: Joyce Conner-

Historian: Terry Junek-

#### Old Business

1. First Friday in June: Joyce Conner-Booth. Monarch butterfly. 64 adults; 32 children stopped and talked, got information. Several expressed interest in BVTMN. Joyce gave them our website. She and Cheryl have committed to continuing. Requested chapter buy two tables at \$38.99 each at Sam's.
2. Olivia Ash-\$29.99 per month for storage closet. Includes \$19.99 + \$10.00 required insurance. Will also check other two close by.
3. Joyce Conner-free giveaways
4. Motion-\$120 for giveaways and tables-Motion to approve from Bruce Neville. Seconded by Amanda Chau. Motion carried.

#### New Business

1. Lisa Davenport's last meeting is today. Moving for work and can join a chapter closer to Livingston.

Amanda Chau moved to adjourn. Joyce Conner seconded. The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:28 PM.