



**Brazos Valley Chapter, Texas Master Naturalists  
Executive Board and General Meetings Minutes  
March 14, 2013**

Present at Board Meeting: Jim Anding, Kitty Anding, Olivia Ash, Jim Balthrop, Dwight Bohlmeier, Amanda Chau, Sue ?, Sandy Wright, Terry Junek, Steve Simcik, Cheryl Lewis, Bruce Neville, Amanda Schwede, Betty Vermeire

Present at Chapter Meeting: those listed above, plus: Mary Nelle Armstrong, Elizabeth Crompton, Jackie Girouard, Molly Harris, Sarah Laughlin, Charlene Lusk, Charlene Manning, Greg Pitts, Barbara Pritchard, Kara Rosch, James Cramp, Carolyn Cramp, Katharine Cupps, Sandy White, Melissa Kamerbeak, Susan Balthrop.

**Minutes of Board Meeting**

President Olivia Ash called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Treasurer: Amanda Chau-\$3873.379 as of 3/14/13; 44 voting (paid) members (amount doesn't include \$650 Chris Northcliffe bench)

Historian: Terry Junek-Scrapbook last seen at Booneville Days.

Committee Reports:

Training: Bruce Neville-Seven or eight people have inquired (Betty).

Membership: Betty Vermeire-Send in hours every month.

Volunteer Service Project: Mike Conner-Milam County April 14<sup>th</sup> sign-up. Not doing bird feeders but can sign up to do it.

Outreach: Dwight Bohlmeier-Earth Day-sign-up sheet, one for each table. Picked up two folding trellises to hang bird feeders. BioBlitz is April 26 and 27. Tents-Olivia (1), Dwight (1), Jay (2). Olivia needs to know how many tables we need. Dwight will check. Olivia asked Dwight to ask if it's okay to bring a generator to run video, if there's no plug and electricity. It's a very quiet generator. Cheryl and Dwight coordinating kids table and Joyce Conner coordinating adult table. Tables-Betty (1), Dwight (1), Olivia (1). As they get closer, coordinate and find who has what is missing. Olivia will call to see who is leading each team.

Social / Host: Joyce Conner-May 4<sup>th</sup> social combine with Northcliffe bench dedication. June 29<sup>th</sup> invasive species workshop. September potluck-same day as Sugar Loaf Mountain field trip. Bird survey. December 7<sup>th</sup>-holiday party. Considering Melissa Hammerbeaks showroom (off of frontage road).

Web: Amanda Chau-Olivia-Doesn't feel safe leaving computer in storage unit. Bruce or Betty usually have it. If anyone needs computer, email Bruce.

#### Old Business

1. Olivia-BioBlitz date change- ~~Again~~-I got an email today from the student coordinator for Bioblitz, and he says they now have decided to have Bioblitz the weekend after earth day which will be April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. I got the impression this may be their final choice. Hopefully there will not be any major conflicts. We can discuss at our March meeting but if there is anything critical we should all know, please share now - especially if you will be unable to be at the March meeting.
2. Date for landscaping around the Chris Northcliffe bench. A group of volunteers needs to be recruited to purchase and plant grass and native flowering plants around the bench by sometime in early April. After that, the schedule gets too busy on the weekends. We had a suggestion to have a dedication on Saturday, May 4, but I (Lisa) have not received a response from the City of College Station yet. I think we should still shoot for that goal. Suggest that we get Molly involved since she has extensive experience in native landscaping.-Will use leftover \$650 to cover landscaping. (mulch and plants) Leave logs to deter dogs and its good for the habitat. Dwight-plants need to be in by early April. First Thursday is April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. Suggest to membership. Ask Molly to coordinate with Dwight.
3. Chapter and Bylaws-Jim Balthrop-BVTMN adopted template verbatim. BVTMN took out paragraph that defined active membership in operating manual. Current member officer with dues paid means active officer.
4. Storage cubicle-Olivia-5x5-add shelf unit. Needs to go by and look at it. Then decide if we want to pay to rent it.

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:13 PM.

#### **The Chapter Meeting began at 8:07 pm.**

1. Rockdale Nature Festival-sign-up sheet passed around. 9 AM to 3 PM April 14<sup>th</sup>; free.
2. February 2013 minutes-B. Pritchard motioned to approve. Betty seconded. Passed unanimously.
3. Same committee and officer reports (Schwede, Balthrop, Neville, Vermiere)
4. Same announcements-BioBlitz and Earth Day (Olivia)
5. Same old business (Olivia)

Adjourned 8:26 PM.