

# Brazos Valley Chapter, Texas Master Naturalists Executive Board and General Meetings Minutes April 11, 2013

Present at Board Meeting: Jim Anding, Kitty Anding, Olivia Ash, Jim Balthrop, Dwight Bohlmeyer, Amanda Chau, Mike Conner, Joyce Conner, Terry Junek, Lisa Davenport, Cheryl Lewis, Bruce Neville, Amanda Schwede, Betty Vermeire

Present at Chapter Meeting: those listed above, plus: Katharine Cupps, John Cupps, Jackie Girouard, Molly Harris, Carol Henrichs, Melissa Kamerbeck, Sarah Laughlin, Madge Luquette, Charlene Lusk, E. Sue McBeth Welfel, Jean Paul, Greg Pitts, Barbara Pritchard, Jay Pritchard, Cynthia Stephens, Mary Dabney Wilson.

### **Minutes of Board Meeting**

President: Olivia Ash called the meeting to order at 5:39 pm.

<u>Treasurer</u>: Amanda Chau-\$3903.79; 46 voting (paid) members (amount doesn't include \$650 Chris Northcliffe bench mulch and materials)

Historian: Terry Junek-Scrapbook found. Can be ready for Earth Day if it's needed.

### Committee Reports:

<u>Training</u>: Bruce Neville-Letters are going out to speakers for availability; if available for a Fall or Spring class. Dates not yet available for Spring. Fall class starts in Nymber after Labor Day. Tuesday nights.

Membership: Betty Vermeire-2013 hours-January 240.93 V/2 AT; February 261.41 V/26 AT; March 141.40 AT/29.75 AT. First quarter 643.7 V/57.75 AT.

<u>Advanced Training</u>-Will view TPWD videos for possible presentation at a BVTMN meeting without presentation.

Volunteer Service Project: Mike Conner-Agreed with A. Chau to have listed on website.

Outreach: Dwight Bohlmeyer-BioBlitz still looking for a herp leader. April 27<sup>th</sup> Millican Reserve having open house 9 AM to 1 PM. Same day as BioBlitz. Would like BVTMN table. Development setting aside 1000 acres for conservation. 50 acre lake.

<u>Social/Host</u>: Joyce Conner-June 1<sup>st</sup> is dedication for C. Northcliffe bench at Lick Creek Park. Has list of who volunteered to bring prize and put it with dates. Will make Sugar Loaf Mountain a standard so we can meet new trainees.

<u>Web</u>: Amanda Chau-preparing to do a major upgrade to BVTMN website. Silimar to TMN website and a photo gallery.

<u>Program</u>:Jim Balthrop-No changes. July empty. Dwight has volunteered if no one can present. Only needs three more.

#### **Old Business**

- 1. BioBlitz date change-April 26 and 27
- 2. Chris Northcliffe bench landscaping and dedication-will wait for Christy to see about what time on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:18 PM.

## The Chapter Meeting began at 8:04 pm.

- 1. Olivia-same report
- 2. March minutes moved for approval with changes by J.Pritchard. Seconded by J. Anding. Passed unanimously.
- 3. Balthrop, Bohlmeyer, Chau, Conners, Schwede, Vermeire-same reports. Sign-up sheets for BioBlitz passed around.
- 4. Betty-\$19.50 per hour reported. Report hours even if not certifying.
- 5. Dwight motioned for purchase of BVTMN pamphlets. B. Pritchard seconded. Motion passed. Price break amount.
- 6. Do not photograph children's faces. Behind is fine. But have to get written parental consent (form on our website) before you can take a picture. Otherwise, take lots of pictures while volunteering.

Adjourned 8:37 PM.