



**Brazos Valley Chapter, Texas Master Naturalists
Executive Board and Chapter Meetings
February 14, 2013**

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

Present at Chapter Meeting: those listed above, plus: Jo Anne Bates, Jackie Girouard, John Baines, Helen Baines, Molly Harris, Carol Henrichs, Bob Hole, Sarah Laughlin, Madge Luquette, Charlene Lusk, Christy Northcliffe, Janet Quiram, Kara Rosch, Mary Dabney Wilson, Melissa Kamerbeck, Katharine Cupps, Sandy White, Elizabeth "Sue" McBeth Welfel.

Minutes of Board Meeting

President Olivia Ash called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

Separate board and general meeting minutes. Separate sign-in sheets for exec board and general meeting.

Treasurer: Amanda Chau-\$4047.34; 34 members paid (amount doesn't include \$650 Chris Northcliffe bench)

Program: Jim Balthrop-Passed out updated presenter list.

Committee Reports:

Training: Bruce Neville-May want to change name of committee so not confused. Fall 2013 classes same as 2012. Field trips same. Discussed Fall versus Spring. Passed out tentative schedule of classes.

Membership: Betty Vermeire-Dwight will find BVTMN bylaws (state mandated) and operating rules (can be changed by chapter). Must be paid by March 31st to be an active board member. Can be an active member but cannot vote if dues not paid. Kitty Anding is updating Google list.

Advanced Training: Mike and Joyce Conner-Joyce wants to order posters (\$10.50). Made lots of contacts. Facilitating advanced training.

Outreach: Dwight Bohlmeier-Committee trying to repopulate monarch milkweed. John Paul has verified we are participating in Earth Day. Trying to get a booth on Firsy Friday a couple of times a year. \$22 p/lb with same provider as Joyce Conner. Will order two pounds seed.

Social / Host: Joyce Conner-Still deciding on providing volunteer hours for refreshments. Betty said historically an hour of volunteer time given if bringing refreshments. Up to one hour is okay. Looking for a Saturday in May for spring social. Host available May 4th. December 7th is holiday social. Third social in September.

Christmas birdcount is December 14th or 15th.

Lisa will clarify past president role.

Old Business

1. Chris Northcliffe Memorial Bench. Lisa-lab poured today or tomorrow (Peter). How to use rest of \$650 remaining? Enhance plants, grasses, to encourage butterflies. Esperanza. Maybe bench memorialized May 4th. Will ask Christi. Same time before spring social.

New Business

1. Olivia-storage unit. 5x5 \$16.16 p/month FM 2818. Cube Smart. 5x5 \$21 p/month College Station. 5x10 \$26 p/month College Station. Plus start-up fee and insurance or own insurance.

Announcement

Earth Day and BioBlitz scheduling. Same days. April 19th and 20th.

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:30 PM.

The Chapter Meeting began at 8:15 pm.

President-Olivia Ash-BioBlitz and Earth Day conflicting. Will contact SCB about changing BioBlitz date. Two tables for Earth Day. One for kids with pinecone bird feeders and one for adults with seed packets (Cheryl), brochures, easels, TPWD posters.

Secretary-Amanda Schwede-January 2013 minutes. Jim Anding motioned approval. Lisa seconded. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer-Amanda Chau-\$4047.34. Will got down \$750 for shirts (Molly). 40 members paid. Keep paying. Olivia-ad hoc committee for bylaws and operating; paying dues to be able to vote.

Training-Bruce Neville-In progress for next training group.

Advanced Training-Mike and Joyce Conner-Joyce emailed criteria for AT credit. Signing up for a lot of listservs but keep sending them.

Outreach-Dwight Bohlmeier-Facebook page for chapter. Booth for First Friday.

Volunteer-Mike Conner-About to publish updates to guidelines. Provide details when advertising volunteer opportunities.

Social / Host-Joyce Conner-Volunteer refreshments still needed. Get one hour of volunteer credit. Bring your own cup for drinks. Spring social May 4th. December 7th holiday social.

Old Business

1. Chris Northcliffe Memorial Bench. Lisa-same as board minutes.
2. Dwight-BRTC-Will talk to Heather Prestridge about doing a work day mid-March.
3. Joyce Conner-Talked to Debra Cowman about trail. Will contact county as they run it.

New Business

1. Cheryl-Passion for native plants and promoting in community. Let her know you're interested. Passion for getting children into nature. She will send out email on both and contact her if you're interested.

General announcements.

JoAnne Bates moved to adjourn. Joyce Conner seconded. Adjourned 8:50 PM.