**Minutes of the February Meeting**

**Texas Master Naturalists-Rolling Plains Chapter**

February 4, 2014, River Bend Nature Center, 7:00 PM

**In Attendance:** Jonathon Alfano, Cynthia Archibald, Allen Brajer, Betty Brown**,** Tami Davis, Dee Decker,Martha Ford, Jim Hensley, Rebecca Herd, Dian Hoehne, Laura Joss, Sue King, Warren King, Henry Krusekopf, Jim Masuoka, Jane McGough, Terry McKee, Paul Savage, Bill Setzler, Sandra Smith, Larry Snyder, Evelyn Staten

Guests: Joe Frerich, Kim Mason, Norman Mason, Judy Snyder

**I. Call to Order and Welcome.**

President Jim Hensley called to order the February meeting of the Rolling Plains Chapter Master Naturalist. He welcomed all members and guests in attendance.

**II. Officer Reports.**

Terry McKee moved that the January Minutes be approved. Dee Decker seconded.

Report was approved.

Bill Setzler moved that the Treasurer Report be approved. Betty Brown seconded.

Report was approved.

Larry Snyder was accepting 2014 dues.

Larry Snyder was selling Home and Garden tickets for $5.00.

**III. Committee Reports.**

Nature Tracker:

* There was no report for the Nature Tracker Committee, but Jane McGough stated that all reports had been turned in on time.

**IV. Old Business**

* January 25th Lake Arrowhead Cleanup was a great success. Fifty volunteers from the 335 Training Wing Sheppard Air Force Base, the MSU Science Club and Caribbean Club, and Friends of Lake Arrowhead removed 5 tons of trash from Lake Arrowhead.
* Volunteers needed for the Great Backyard Bird Count February 15, at Lake Arrowhead from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, and Febuary 16, at Wild Bird Rescue from dawn until 10:00 AM. A 2014 PowerPoint slide show and video are available on the Great Backyard Bird Count website.
* Volunteer sign up for the TMN booth at the Home and Garden Show February 22, 9 AM to 6 PM and February 23, 11 AM to 5 PM.
* Volunteer sign up for the Farm and Ranch Expo booth March 5-6.
* TMN training classes scheduled for March 11 through May 8. The March 11, class will count toward one hour of volunteer time. Recruitment and preparation for the 2014 training class continues.
* “The Drunken Botanist” February 20, 6:30 PM at the Fort Worth Botanical Research Institute of Texas and February 22, noon at the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden.

**V. New Business**

* Sue King and Warren King were presented 2013 recertification pins.
* Larry Snyder earned his 500 hour pen.
* Tami David, Martha Ford, Dian Hoehne, Jane McGough, James Masuoka, Terry McKee, Paula Savage, and Larry Snyder were presented 2013 recertification certificates.
* 2014 T-Shirts can be ordered for $15.00.
* Advanced training, “It’s All about Raptors” at Hackberry Flats February 8, cancelled due to weather. Training will be rescheduled.
* Advanced training, “Tree Seminar” March 1, @ 8:30 at River Bend Nature Center.

**VI Other Business/Announcements.**

* March meetings will be held at River Bend Nature Center.

**VII. Program.**

* Kimberly Beck: Biology Graduate Assistant at MSU presented a program on “Local Paleontology.”

**VIII. Adjournment.**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by:

Cynthia Archibald, Recording Secretary

February 20, 2014