**Minutes of the January Meeting**

**Texas Master Naturalists-Rolling Plains Chapter**

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

**In Attendance:** Jonathon Alfano, Earl Anderson, Cynthia Archibald, Betty Brown**,** Dee Decker,Martha Ford, Laura Gillis, Jim Hensley, Rebecca Herd, Laura Joss, Sue King, Warren King, Jim Masuoka, Jane McGough, Terry McKee, Paul Savage, Lynn Seman, Sandra Smith, Larry Snyder, Evelyn Staten

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

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

**II. Officer Reports.**

There were no December minutes submitted for approval.

Larry Snyder reported a balance of 1,846.13. Income received was $400.00. Christmas expenditures were $237.07. Net income totaled $162.93.

Larry Snyder was accepting 2014 dues.

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

Warren King moved that the Treasurer Report be approved. Betty Brown seconded. Report was approved.

**III. Committee Reports.**

Nature Tracker:

* Jane McGough reported that preliminary prairie dog count will begin in February. Cornell Lab of Ornithology is offering a new Merlin Bird ID App free for iPhones. She also reported finding a Tufted Titmouse.

**IV. Old Business**

* Rebecca Herd presented chapter tee-shirt designs. A tally vote was taken.

**V. New Business**

* New officer were presented: Jim Hensley, President, Rebecca Herd, Vice President, Larry Snyder, Treasurer, Cynthia Archibald, Secretary
* Terry McKee presented Lynn Seman with her 500 hour pen.
* Christmas tree drop at TPWD @ Lake Arrowhead scheduled for January 10, at 10 AM.
* Booth at the Women’s Expo at MPEC February 2 not confirmed.
* Volunteers are 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.
* Volunteers are needed 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.
* Booth at Farm and Ranch Expo March 5-6 not confirmed. Terry McKee to see if there is room for a TMN booth.
* TMN training classes scheduled for March 11 through May 8. More details will be available at the February TMN meeting. The March 11, class will count toward one hour of volunteer time.

**VI Other Business/Announcements.**

* Terry McKee was recognized as the TMN Activities Chair.
* January 25, 9 AM to noon cleanup at Lake Arrowhead. Friends group to provide coffee.
* Jim Hensley to contact the Wichita Falls Library about a TMN display.
* Jonathon Alfano to investigate advertising 2014 TMN Training class on Channels 3 and 6 in the morning and at noon.
* Rebecca Herd to create fliers advertising 2014 TMN Training class.
* Potential advanced training opportunity “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.
* February and March meetings will be held at River Bend Nature Center.
* May TMN meeting program will include member/trainee presentations on Texas native plants.
* Volunteers needed to partner with David Graf to build rainwater systems display for the Home and Garden Show. Contact #940-716-8610.

**VII. Program.**

* David Graf, Wichita County AgriLife Extension Agent, presented a program on Salt Cedar control.

**VIII. Adjournment.**

Larry Snyder moved to adjourn meeting. Sandra Smith seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by:

Cynthia Archibald, Recording Secretary

January 22, 2014