**Texas Master Naturalist ~ Rolling Plains Chapter**

**Minutes of the October 2015 Meeting**

**October 6, 2015 @ River Bend Nature Center**

Meeting was called to order by Chapter President Jim Hensley at 1910 hours with 25 members and two guests in attendance.

**Officer Reports:**

Larry Snyder moved that the September meeting minutes be approved as written and emailed to the membership, seconded by Debra Halter. Motion passed.

Chapter Treasurer Larry Snyder reported a balance of $3,284.93 in the bank. Ray Hyde moved that the report be accepted and Warren King seconded. Motion passed.

**Committee Reports/Old Business**

Discussion about monarch tags and turning them in at the next meeting.

**New Business**

Owl-o-ween at Wild Bird Rescue on October 10 from 1630 to 2300

October 11 will be the “Big-Sit” at Wild Bird Rescue from 0730 until 1030

October 15-18 will be the Native Plant Society Symposium at the Austin Airport Hilton

October 16 the annual Not So Scary Halloween event will take place at River Bend Nature Center from 1800 until 2100

Mary Ruth Prose advised there would be a Field Trip by the Oklahoma Native Plant Society on October 22nd.

(**Mary Ruth provided the following correction by email to Larry the next day: “At Tuesday's meeting I think I said the Oklahoma Native Plant society's field trip was on the 22nd.  WRONG!  It is on Saturday, October 24 at 9:30am at the Visitor Center on the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge.  Our Leader, Helen Riley sent the following: We have a field trip coming up on Saturday, October 24.  Dr. Robert Ziegler will be our guide as we learn to identify grasses.  The plan is to meet at the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center at 9:30 a.m. We will look at grasses until about noon then have lunch and a short business meeting. Please bring a sack lunch with you.  Family members and friends who are not members of the Oklahoma Native Plant Society are welcome to attend.”)**

October 23 – 25 will be the annual meeting at Horse Shoe Bay in Marble Falls TX. Last date to sign up October 9th. Jane McGough added that we are seeking donations of items for the silent auction.

October 30 will be Halloween in the Park at Lake Arrowhead State Park from 1830 until dark. There will be mask making, kid’s trick or treat bags, Wild Bird Rescue will have one of their educational owls and a night hike.

November will be nominations for officers.

December 1 will be the annual Christmas Party at the Letter Carrier Union Hall at 5310 Southwest Pkwy from 1830 until 2030.

**(Not mentioned at the meeting but I think it’s important to for the membership to know: At the September board meeting it was decided that we need help to defray expense of the party so there will be a $5.00 per person charge for tickets to the party. Tickets will be available at the November meeting. There will be the usual gift of nominal value “exchange”)**

**Awards:**

Debra Halter ~ Initial Certification

Carol Lunsford ~ 2015 Recertification

**Program:**

Betty Bowles, Queen Conch Conservation (30 Minutes Advance Training)

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Snyder, Secretary

October 9, 2015