

# Rolling Plains Chapter, Texas Master Naturalist

Monthly Meeting

July 5, 2022

7 pm Bolin Science Hall, Room 209, MSU and via Zoom

President Laura Gillis called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. The meeting agenda, previous month's meeting minutes, and financial reports were presented to the members via email before the meeting.

## Welcome Guests & Introduction

TMN RPC member, Lynn Seman, presented the program on the Texas Horned Lizard. Lynn engages in many aspects of the state's horned lizard research and regularly represents the Horned Lizard Conservancy with educational outreach. Lynn gives frequent presentations about horned lizards and works informational booths at various events throughout the year.

Members attending: Laura Gillis, Lynn Seman, DeAnna Bullock, Alex Nelson, Dana Cobb, Stephen Comer, Janet Oliver, Joy Persons, Terry McKee, Debra Halter, Jim Price, Linda Price, Barb Prince, Rebecca Milunas, Ian Milunas, Deborah Harelson, Larry Snyder, Judy Snyder, James Masuoka, Sandy Underwood, Kim Mason, Norman Mason, Aaron Holland. Via Zoom: Kay Murphy, Donna H., Penny Miller, and Becky Trammell.

## Meeting Minutes & Financial Report

June meeting minutes were presented and accepted unanimously. The financial report was presented and accepted unanimously.

## Old Business

Chapter shirts were distributed at the meeting.

## New Business

Congratulations to the newest members from our trainee class. Training classes are complete with many trainees reaching full certification. Those who are still working on VT or AT have the rest of the year to complete the requirements.

A graduation celebration will be held at the September meeting. The official pinning ceremony will take place at the first class of the 2023 training class.

Re-certifications: Congratulations to Terry McKee and Dana Cobb

Milestone Awards: **Laura Gillis, 1500 hours of VT**

## Updates from TMN state offices

July's TMN Tuesday. July 12 at Noon: "Authentic Leadership in Public Service," presented by Kenneth Anderson Taylor. To view live or watch the recording, visit the TMN website.

Annual Meeting 2022: October 21-23, Houston, TX. Agenda and fees will be published on the TMN website this month. Registration usually opens in August but could be opened in July. Be sure to check the website for updates. Deadlines for state competitions—September 30 for all photo and art competitions, project fairs, and video contests.

## Committee and Project Reports:

Hike Committee: July's Hike will be at Copper Breaks State Park, 7:30 AM, July 30. Lynn Seman will lead the hike. There are two loops—a long loop and a short loop. Lynn will lead the hike on the Bull Canyon Trail. The park is sponsoring a night hike on Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. Some

members will be attending the night hike, camping overnight then attending the RPC hike on Saturday. See Lynn for details.

Horned Lizard Monitoring: Lynn Seman has details.

### **Reminders**

Monthly Hikes: Saturday, July 30 at 7:30 AM at Copper Breaks State Park. Led by Lynn Seman.

Monthly Bird Walk: June 11th at LASP, 8 am. Meet at the dump station.

Hiking committee: Debra Halter gave the program report with 2 new TMN hikers and Wild Bird's manager at Smith's Garden Town.

Mid-Year Board Retreat: Saturday, July 23 at 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, at LASP.

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

Bridge Maintenance on Wichita Rail Trail: July 9 at 6:30 AM. Help the Wichita Valley Rail Trail Group repair the bridge on the Wichita Valley Rail Trail off Sisk Road. Contact Lynn for more information.

### **Partner Updates**

River Bend Nature Center–

Midwestern State University–

Whiteside Museum–

Comanche Springs–

Lake Arrowhead State Park–Bird outing with Penny Miller, Saturday, July 9 at 8:00 AM, Meet at the dump station.

Copper Breaks State Park–Monthly Hike, Saturday, July 9 at 7:30 AM.

Wild Bird Rescue–Is looking for a new director.

### **More Opportunities of Interest**

Check the calendar on the state TMN and RPC's websites for upcoming opportunities or events of interest. If you find anything you are interested in attending, let us know and we can inform other members.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
DeAnna Bullock  
Secretary

**Next meeting: August 5th**, MSU Bolin Science Hall or on Zoom.

Program: TBA

**Volunteer/Advanced training for this meeting**: 1 hr AT for presentation; .5 hrs for chapter administration