

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Rolling Plains Chapter, Texas Master Naturalist

January 3, 2023

7:00 pm, Bolin Science Hall, MSUTexas AND via Zoom

The meeting was called to order by VP Alex Nelson at 7 pm. The meeting agenda, the previous month's meeting minutes, and financial reports were presented to the members via email before the meeting.

Welcome Guests and Introductions

The program "Human History of the North Texas Area" was presented by Robert Palmer. His presentation included the various artifacts he excavated on his property and the human history of the area.

Members attending: Alex Nelson, Lynn Seman, Janice Scanlan, Kevin Seager, Penny Miller, Linda Price, Jan McGough, Jimmy Price, Barbara Price, Stephen Connor, Sandy Underwood, Janet Oliver, Lisa Taylor, Debra Halter, Terry McKee, Carl Brown, Tiffany Herring.

Via Zoom: Becky Trammell, Kay Murphy, Donna H., Larry Snyder, Judy Snyder, Tiffany Herring, Allen Brajer, Bonnie Strickland, Warren, Sue, Cindy Huckabee, Sharon Hyde, Paula Savage, DeAnna Bullock.

Meeting Minutes & Financial Report

December meeting minutes and financial reports were presented prior to the meeting via email. Minutes and financial reports were accepted by consensus.

Old Business

Christmas Party—Thank you to the Letter Carriers for letting us use their hall for our Christmas party and to everyone who helped prepare, clean, and who attended the meeting.

River Bend Donation— \$500 gift. Per the state guidelines, the RPC chapter cannot donate cash directly. RPC will work with RBNC to develop a project and donate volunteer time. If a project requires raw materials or additional equipment, we can use our monies to purchase needed items to complete the project.

Field Trip to the Oklahoma Herbarium with Dr. Estes—Tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 4, 2023. More details to come.

Chapter Operating Manual and Chapter Bylaws updates were presented to the chapter membership via email on December 15, 2022. After review and discussion, the COH and Bylaws were adopted as presented by consensus.

Wichita Falls Home & Garden Show February 25-26, 2023—Ticket sales are a fundraiser for the chapter. PRP buys advance-purchase tickets for \$8 each, then chapter members sell tickets for

\$20 each. RPC keeps the remaining money. RPC will acquire more tickets to sell as needed. Volunteers needed for the RPC booth.

Scavenger Hunt Results—Lynn Seman logged 105 points to win the competition. The winner gets to choose a game camera or a \$25 State Parks Gift Card.

New Business

Year In Review: video presentation by Lynn Seman

Certifications & Awards

New Certifications: Stephen Conner

Re-Certifications: Jane McGough, Bonnie Strickland

Reminders

Dues are due. \$15 for individuals; \$25 for couples. Checks for membership dues can be sent via US mail to Kevin Seager. Email RPC rollingplainschaptmtn@gmail.com for the Kevin's address. Make checks payable to Rolling Plains Chapter TMN.

Check the calendar on the website for events and links to sign up!

Log your VT/AT hours ASAP!

Volunteer Opportunities

Wichita Falls Home and Garden Show, February 25-26, 2023—Volunteers are needed to work the RPC show booth on both days. Additional volunteers are needed for the Arts Council booth. This is a recruiting tool for our program.

Permian Fest at Whiteside— February 25-26, 2023

Volunteers are needed for multiple programs at Whiteside. RPC will have an informational booth at the event.

State Office Updates: TMN Tuesdays continue. Next is January 10, 2023. Register through State Website

Partner, Committee & Project Reports

Hike Committee: Meeting immediately following the January Meeting

River Bend Nature Center:

Midwestern State University:

Whiteside Museum:

Region 9 Science Fair, February 17, 2023. See Lynn Seman for details. Lynn sent an email to the chapter calling for volunteers, sponsors, and participant recruitment. There must be at least 15 science project entries for the fair winner to be eligible for the international science fair competition, which is in Dallas this year.

Comanche Springs: Lynn Seman and Bonnie Strickland tested water and worked on the pollinator garden in December. Bonnie donated native seeds she collected to the pollinator

project. Water testing and pollinator garden maintenance are tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 16, 2023.

Lake Arrowhead State Park:

Copper Breaks State Park:

Wild Bird Rescue:

Opportunities of interest:

Next Meeting: February 7, 2023, at 7:00 pm at MSU Bolin Science Hall, Room 209 and on Zoom

Program: TBA

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,

DeAnna Bullock

Secretary

VT Hours: 1 hr

AT Hours: 1 hr