

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Rolling Plains Chapter, Texas Master Naturalist

June 6, 2023

7:00 pm, Bolin Science Hall, Room 209, MSU and via Zoom

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

Welcome & Introduction of Guests

Robert Mauk, former RPC advisor, attended the meeting.

Members attending: Tiffany Herring, Stephen Conner, Linda Price, Barbara Price, Sandy Underwood, Debra Halter, Terry McKee, Carl Brown, Larry Snyder, Ray Hyde, Sharon Hyde, Lisa Winkles, Judy Snyder, Kay Murphy, Cedar Sanderson, James Masuoka, Lynn Seman, Robert Mauk, Janice Scanlan, Penny Miller.

Via Zoom: Melissa Rose, Paula Savage, Alex Nelson, Cindy Huckabee, Stephanie Frick, Garrett Frick, Lisa Taylor, Kevin Seager, DeAnna Bullock.

June program: "Bird Vision" with Kevin Scanlin. RPC member, Kevin Scanlin, gave a presentation about how birds see and process visual perception.

Meeting Minutes & Financial Report

The May minutes and financial reports were approved by consensus.

Old Business

Training Classes: continue through June 29.

The last class's program is about volunteer opportunities, and our partners are invited to give presentations with a Q&A.

End of Training Class Celebration: "Trail Mixer" Friday, July 7 at River Bend Nature Center. An invitation will be sent out this month with more details. Family members and friends are welcome to attend. The invitation will have RSVP information. Please RSVP so the committee can prepare enough trail mix, etc.

City Nature Challenge Review: Larry Snyder presented a recap of RPC's contributions to the project.

New Business

Certifications & Awards

Recertifications: Tiffany Herring, James Masuoka, Terry McKee, DeAnna Bullock

Milestones:

Scavenger Hunt Cards

Members keep track of your events through July and turn in your cards at the August Meeting. Record 60 points or more and get your name in a drawing for your own Monarch Tagging Kit, which will be awarded at the September meeting. Cards can be downloaded from the Members Area on the Chapter website.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered for the Mark Howell Kid Fishing Rodeo, National Trail Day, and Region 9 Conference.

State Office Updates

TMN Tuesdays, Register through State Website

June 13, 2023, Plant Ecology

July 11, 2023, Eclipse

Storytelling Project for the 25th Anniversary of the program; details are on the state TMN website under "25th Anniversary" tab. Members are encouraged to write or video your favorite TMN story and upload it through the website.

State Meeting October 12-15, 2023, McAllen, Texas; Meeting Agenda will be posted in July. Registration opens in August. Lodging links are open NOW. Four hotels have room blocks for TMN attendees. Rooms are filling up fast. See the State TMN Website for more information, contest deadlines and links.

Committee & Project Reports

Hike Committee: Tiffany Herring

The geology hike was successful with new people attending the event.

Upcoming hikes: July 29, Copper Breaks (and 3 Rivers) Horn Lizard Hike/Survey

Partner Updates & Reports

River Bend Nature Center:

Midwestern State University:

Whiteside Museum:

Comanche Springs:

Lake Arrowhead State Park:

Bird Outing, Saturday, June 10, 8:00 am

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Copper Breaks State Park:

Backcountry Tours - June 10. Limited availability reservations required.

Wild Bird Rescue:

Graham Library Project:

Opportunities of interest: Water Testing, June 9 at Lake Kemp; June 24 at Lucy Park, Wichita Falls.

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

Next Meeting: AUGUST 1, 2023 at 7:00 pm at MSU Bolin Science Hall, Room 209 and on Zoom (NO MEETING IN JULY.)

Program: Dr. Rosscoe, Paleontology. This program counts as AT for all.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,
DeAnna Bullock, Secretary

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AT Hours: _1.75_AT_____