

**Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**Rolling Plains Chapter, Texas Master Naturalist**  
**Tuesday, August 1, 2023**  
**7:00 pm, Bolin Science Hall, Room 209, MSU Texas AND via Zoom**

The meeting was called to order by President Laura Gillis at 7pm The meeting agenda and financial reports were presented to the members via email before the meeting. Meeting attachments: Agenda, August 2023 Financial Report, Meeting Minutes on Google Drive.

**Welcome, Introduction of Guests**

August Program: Dr. Rossco, presented on Paleontology. Most of his research is done in around Mineral Wells State Park, which is the Pennsylvanian Period.

**Member attending:** Tiffany Herring, Stephen Conner, Sandy Underwood, Debra Halter, Terry McKee, Carl Brown, Larry Snyder, Lisa Winkles, Judy Snyder, Kay Murphy, James Masuoka, Lynn Seman, Robert Mauk, Janice Scanlan

Via Zoom: Lisa Taylor, Kevin Seager, Penny Miller, Cedar Sanderson, Bonnie Strickland, Aaron Holland, Jane McGough, Linda Price, Ray Hyde, Sharon Hyde, DeAnna Bullock

**Old Business:**

Training Classes are concluded, and planning is beginning for the next cycle. Laura asked for new classes/teachers and announced that anyone from the chapter membership could volunteer to teach one of the classes or suggest a new instructor for topics that should be covered per the TMN State program.

**New Business:**

**Certifications & Awards**

Recertifications: Melisa Rose, Lisa Winkles, Laura Gillis, Stephen Conner, Laura Clepper, Penny Miller

Scavenger Hunt Cards: Cards turned in with 50 points or more for drawing. Tiffany Herring won the drawing.

**Annual Meeting:**

State Meeting October 12-15, 2023, McAllen, Texas

Agenda was posted in July. Registration is open.

If any members are planning on attending, you can apply for a travel stipend.

River Bend Project: Call for proposals

**Committee & Project Reports**

Hike Committee: Tiffany Herring— 13 people attended the last hike. Next hike is a night hike at Comanche Springs Star park.

**Partner Updates & Reports**

River Bend Nature Center:

Midwestern State University: Sikes Lake Cleanup Saturday, September 9 @ 9:00 am  
MSU will supply drinks and snacks. TMN will have bags, grabbers and gloves.

Whiteside Museum:

Comanche Springs:

Lake Arrowhead State Park:

Bird Outing, Saturday, August 12, 8:00 am. Water testing also at on that day, can count as H2O specialist.

Copper Breaks State Park:

Wild Bird Rescue: August 19 is cleanup day, 7 am, bags, grabbers and gloves provided by RPC

Graham Library Project:

**Opportunities of interest:**

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

Next Meeting: September 5, 2023 at 7:00 pm at MSU Bolin Science Hall, Room 209 and on Zoom

Program: Monarch Tagging and tag distribution

Adjourn Meeting

VT Hours: .5

AT Hours: 1.25