

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Rolling Plains Chapter, Texas Master Naturalist

Tuesday, October 3, 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

Thank you certificate and gift card will be delivered to David Graf.

Members present: Jane McGough, Linda Price, Terry McKee, Debra Halter, Larry & Judy Snider, Stephen Conner, Lynn Seman, Melissa Rose, Tiffany Herring, Debra Roberts, Sandy Underwood, Jason Young, James Masuoka, Rebecca Milunas, Alex Nelson, Kevin Seager, Laura Gillis, Brandy Fields, Susan Minty.

Via Zoom: Lisa Taylor, DeAnna Bullock, Cedar Sanderson, Aaron Holland, Cindy Huckabee, Ray Hyde, Sharon Hyde, Carl Brown, Bonnie Strickland.

October Business Meeting

Approval/Discussion of Minutes - August & September; Posting of Financial Report
Debra Halter moved to approve the minutes with second by Alex Nelson; the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Larry Snyder moved to approve the financial report with second by Jim Masuoka; the financial reports were approved unanimously.

Old Business: Thank you from RBNC for Chapter donation. RPC donated habitat boxes for the reptile collection.

New Business:

Certifications & Awards Certificates

Jane McGough recertified

Course Completion: Stephanie & Garrett Frick completed their course

Annual Meeting:

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

Silent Auction donation—Alex Nelson assembled the auction basket which included guidebooks for RPC's ecoregion.

TMN Tuesday Presentation (Today, October 3)

Project Fair Contest: 2-hour presentation. Members can watch recorded TMN videos for AT hours

Officer Elections for 2024 (Elections at December Meeting)

Vice President & Secretary positions open—officer slate will be presented in November with elections in December at the Christmas Party.

Committee Chairs & Other Positions

Hiking Committee

Anyone interested in other committees, please talk to Laura or Alex Nelson.

Christmas Party: December 5. Letter Carriers Hall, 7:00 to 9:00pm

Letter Carriers Hall is booked. Volunteers needed for cleaning and planning party.

2024 Spring Training Class - March 21 - July 25, 2024

This year RPC will have mentors for new class members. This is a way to help our new and trainee members acclimate to all the ways to participate. Need mentors and monitors for new class

Other ways to help: participate in a class, field trip or members can propose to present for one of the classes.

Committee & Project Reports

Hike Committee: Tiffany Herring

Report on September hike - Monarch Tagging @ Lake Wichita—there were not monarchs to tag but the group made the best of it.

October 28: Fossil collecting with Dr. Rossco - pending

November: No hikes

December 2:

Morning-- 9am Cleanup day at the Union Hall for Christmas Party Evening –

Evening – 6pm Christmas in the Park (Lake Arrowhead)

January 1, 2024: First Day Hike - LASP

Partner Updates & Project Reports River Bend

Nature Center: Wildscape Maintenance Wednesday, October 4, 8:00 - 10:00 am

Midwestern State University:

Whiteside Museum:

Comanche Springs:

Lake Arrowhead State Park: Bird Outing, Saturday, October 14, 8:00 am

Copper Breaks State Park:

Wild Bird Rescue:

Graham Library Project:

Water Testing: Friday, October 13, 9:00 - 11:00 am Lake Wichita Boat Ramp

Opportunities of interest:

Pollinator Bio Blitz: October 7 to 23, 2023--Signup on iNat Check the calendar on the website for events and links to sign up!

October Program: Melissa Rose, Wildlife Rehab

Next Meeting: November, 2023 at 7:00 pm at MSU Bolin Science Hall, Room 209 & Zoom

Program: TBD

Adjourned at 8:40

Meeting VT .5 hrs

Hours: AT 1 hr