

September 2023 Monthly Meeting Minutes

Rolling Plains Chapter, Texas Master Naturalist

Tuesday, September 5, 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 the Google Drive.

Welcome & Introduction of Guests

Members attending: Joy Pearson, Terry McKee, Debra Halter, Carl Brown, Kevin Seager, James Price, Barbra Price, Jason Young, Linda Price, Larry Snyder, Judy Snyder, Jim Masuoka, Dana Cobb, Alex Nelson, Cindy Huckabee, Stephen Conner, Lisa Winkles, Lynn Seman, Susan Mintz

Via Zoom: DeAnna Bullock, Jane McGough, Lisa Winkles, Paula Savage, Bonnie Strickland, Stephanie Frick, Alex Nelson, Penny Miller, Sharon Hyde, Ray Hyde, Tiffany Herring, Garrett Frick, Stephanie Frick, Melissa Rose.

September program: Monarch Tagging

Meeting Minutes & Financial Report

The August financial reports were approved by consensus.

Old Business:

RBNC Chapter donation

New Business:

Certifications & Awards

Re-certifications: Dana Cobb, Alex Nelson

Hours Update: Larry Snyder is the new volunteer hours keeper.

David Graf Retirement Chapter will present a plaque at RPC October meeting

Angler Ed Program: Online training September 29 & 28, 7:00 - 9:00pm.

Please see Tiffany Herring for TPWD link.

State Office Updates

Annual Meeting: October 12-15, 2023, McAllen, Texas

Photo & Art Contests are open for entry

Silent Auction donations being accepted

Committee & Project Reports

Hike Committee: Tiffany Herring—the group discussed coordinating a hike around the lunar eclipse on October 28.

Report on August hike—Star Party at 3 Rivers Foundation/Comanche Springs

September 30: Monarch Tagging at Lake Wichita

October 28: Fossil collecting with Dr. Rossco – Date and location pending but will be in Jack or Palo Pinto Counties.

November: No hikes... Happy Turkey Day!

December 2: Evening - Christmas in the Park (Lake Arrowhead)

Morning - Cleanup day at the Union Hall for Christmas Party

January 1, 2024: First Day Hike - LASP

Partner Updates & Reports

River Bend Nature Center:

Midwestern State University: Sikes Lake Cleanup Saturday, September 9 @ 9:00 am; arrive at 8:30 to get ready

MSU will supply drinks and snacks. TMN will have bags, grabbers and gloves.

Whiteside Museum:

Comanche Springs: Members can review photos on game cameras to report species captured on the cameras. See Lynn Seman to volunteer.

Lake Arrowhead State Park:

Bird Outing, Saturday, September 9, 8:00 am

Copper Breaks State Park:

Wild Bird Rescue: Alex Nelson: landscaping work

Graham Library Project:

Wise County projects: Dana Cobb, presented info about her work with TPWD deer survey and effects of the long-term drought on wildlife in general.

Opportunities of interest:

3Rivers Foundation Biodiversity Project: See Lynn Seman for more information.

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

Next Meeting: October 3, 2023 at 7:00 pm at MSU Bolin Science Hall, Room 209 and on Zoom. Program TBD.

Adjourn Meeting

VT Hours: .75 hrs

AT Hours: .75 hrs