

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Rolling Plains Chapter, Texas Master Naturalist

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

7:00 pm, Letter Carriers Hall, 5310 Southwest Parkway; Wichita Falls, TX 76310

The meeting was called to order by President Penny Miller. The meeting agenda and financial reports were presented to the members via email before the meeting. Meeting attachments: Agenda, December Financial Report, December Meeting Minutes via email.

Welcome, Introduction of guests: We welcomed new members, Christopher and Donna Honkomp from the Cross Timbers Chapter.

Members and guests attending: Tiffany Herring, Larry and Judy Snyder, Laura Gillis, Terry McKee, Debra Halter, Lynn Seman, Sandy Underwood, Penny Miller, Jacob Stripling, Kevin Seager, Jim Masuoka, Christopher and Donna Honkomp, Jim and Barbara Price, Linda Price, Melissa Rose, Carl Brown, Jason Young, Alex Nelson, Mariana Ramirez-Flores, Damian Flores, Betty Bowles, Michael Lopez

Via Zoom: Laura Clepper, Lisa Taylor, Cindy Huckabee, Rebecca Milunas, AZ Herrera

Meeting Minutes & Financial Report

The December minutes and December financial reports were distributed via email. Financials and Minutes were accepted.

Old Business:

- **Dues:** Larry reminded the chapter that dues were due January 31.
- **Home and garden show tickets:** This is our only fundraiser. Tickets are \$8 apiece. See Larry Snyder.
- **Christmas in the Park Report:** Lynn reported that we handed out 75-80 bags and several chapter members camped and decorated.
- **1st Day Hike Report:** Penny reported on the 2 hikes that day. We did get some interest in the monthly hikes.

New Business:

Certifications & Awards:

- First year (dragonfly pin) Damian Flores, Kristen Gilbreth
- Recertifications (rattlesnake pin) Betty Bowles, Jim Price, Barbara Price, Melissa Rose
- 250 Hours (bronze dragonfly pin) Melissa Rose
- Laura Gillis was recognized for her service as Chapter President

Upcoming Projects & Opportunities:

- **TMN Tuesday:** (2nd Tuesday of every month at 12:00 noon.) 1/14: TMN Tuesday: "State of the Program"
- **Water Testing:**
 - Monday, January 13 at 9:30 am at Lake Wichita and Wichita River (Lucy Park)
 - Friday, January 17, 9:00 - 10:00 am Lake Gordon
- **Home and Garden Show:** Sign up sheet to volunteer at the chapter booth. No hikes this year.

Committee & Project Reports

- **Education and Outreach Committee: Lynn Seman**
 - Monthly hikes: the dates are set. First hike will be Feb 1 at Lucy Park 10:00 am.
 - Chillicothe Science Night: January 23, needs volunteers. Contact Lynn,
- **Partner Updates & Project Reports**
 - **Lake Arrowhead State Park:** Bird Outing , Saturday January 11, 8:00 am unless there is ice on the road.
 - **Wild Bird Rescue:** Volunteer orientation sessions will start in March. Check the Wild Bird Rescue FB page. There will be a link to a Google form to fill out.
 - **Whiteside Museum:** Permianfest is coming up.

Odds and Ends:

- **Partners under construction:** MSU, Riverbend, Whiteside Museum
- **Items purchased for donation:** Please turn in any receipts to Larry

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 7:00 pm. Bolin Science Hall MSU Texas and on Zoom. Program: TBD

Meeting was Adjourned

Program: Tiffany Herring

VT: .75 hours

AT: .5 hours

Respectfully, Sandy Underwood