

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Rolling Plains Chapter, Texas Master Naturalist

Tuesday, September 1, 2026

7:00 pm, MSU Texas, Bolin Hall, Room 247 and on Zoom

The meeting was called to order by President Penny Miller. The meeting agenda, financial reports, and last month's minutes were presented to the members via email before the meeting.

Welcome and Introduction of guests: Penny welcomed Charles McKnight, Austyn Garcia, and Lee Seman

Members and guests attending: Sandy Underwood, Judy and Larry Snyder, Penny Miller, Carl Brown, Linda Price, Terry McKee, Debra Halter, Dana Leonard, Laura Gillis, Lynn and Lee Seman, Kay Murphy, Jim and Barb Price, Kevin Seager, Jacob Stripling, Alex Nelson, Rebecca Milunas, Jim Masuoka, Michael Lopez, Charles McKnight, Chris Honkomp, Sue and Warren King, Marla Havins, Austyn Garcia

Via Zoom: Tiffany Herring, Cindy Huckabee, Kristin Gilbreth, Betty Bowles

Meeting Minutes & Financial Report

The financial reports and August minutes were distributed via email. Financials and minutes were accepted. Larry reported that the check for the annual meeting sponsorship cleared, but was not on the report.

Old Business:

- **WFMA (Animals in Art):**
 - In conjunction with the Sikes Lake cleanup, the museum will be hosting a recycled craft project from 9-11.
- **Texoma Gives/Bluebird Trail Fundraiser:**
 - Any donation welcome
 - \$100 to sponsor a box
 - Box installation in late Sept/early Oct. The Honkomps will assist with setting up the first couple of boxes.
- The Chapter thanked Jim Masuoka for securing room 247 for us.
- The President's and Treasurer's positions are up for election.

New Business:

- **Certifications and Awards:**
 - **Recertifications:** Sue King, Warren King, Kay Murphy
 - **Hours milestones:**
 - Jim Masuoka received his award for 1,000 hours.
 - Laura Clepper - 500 hours
 - Marla Havins received her award for 250 hours.
- **Upcoming Projects & Opportunities:**
 - **TMN Tuesday:** (2nd Tuesday of each month at 12:00 noon) **Change in time:** September 15 tentatively from 10:00 to 2:00. Topic: *Annual Meeting Project Fair*
 - **Water Testing:**
 - Friday, September 11 at 8:00 am at Lake Wichita and Wichita River (Lucy Park)
 - Friday, September 18 at 8:00 am Lake Gordon.
 - **Lake Arrowhead SP Bird Outing:** Saturday, September 12, 8:00 am.
 - **Monthly Adventure:**
 - September 5, 7:00 - 8:30pm Bluff Trail
 - October 3 (tentatively), 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Lake Wichita Park
 - November 7 Fort Richardson State Park- more information to follow
 - December Lake Arrowhead State Park - Christmas in the Park - more information to follow
 - **Annual Meeting:** October 22 - 25, Waco
 - **Sikes Lake Cleanup:** September 12, 9 to 11 am
 - **Adopt-a-trail:** September 18 Hamilton Park 8:00 am
 - **Butterfly Big Day:** September 12 - make observations of butterflies on iNaturalist
- **Committee & Project Reports**
 - Education & Outreach Committee:
 - Lynn will send an email listing opportunities.
- **Partner Updates:**
 - River Bend: Sip-n-Science is ongoing. Most programs are approved for AT. Check the calendar.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 6 at 7:00 pm. at Bolin Hall room 247. Programs will be Fireflies by Michael Lopez

Meeting was Adjourned

Program: *Monarch Tagging* history and instructions by Michael Lopez and Laura Gillis

VT: .25 hour

AT: .75 hour

Respectfully,
Sandy Underwood