**Texas Master Naturalist ~ Rolling Plains Chapter**

**Minutes of the November 1, 2016 Meeting @ River Bend Nature Center**

Meeting was called to order by Chapter President Terry McKee at 19:00 with 23 members and two guests in attendance.

**Officer Reports:**

The October meeting minutes were approved as written and emailed to the membership. No objections or additions. Chapter Treasurer, Larry, reported a balance of $3,646.65 in the bank.

**Committee Reports/Old Business**

Larry spoke about VMS, the importance of background checks, and the Master Naturalist annual meeting.

Larry and Terry passed on information about the Texas Waterways program

Thanks to Kim Mason for editing/submitting the newspaper articles and to other writers as well

Please consider writing articles for our newsletter and thanks to Paula as well for editing the newsletter

Please get your monarch tags back to Laura

Jane advised the chapter about plans for the Home and Garden Show. We will be in Room 5 with the Master Gardeners. The show is February 25 & 26, 2017.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

November 5 – River Bend Nature Center – “Beaver’s Don’t Eat Fish” – Presentation on beavers from 9:30 to 11:30am – trail time to study tracks included – sign-up sheet available

**New Business**

Recertification Awards: Betty Bowles and Penny Miller

Initial Certification: Pete Peterson.

**Program:**

Sue King, Great Texas Birding Classic - .50 hour of AT

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Snyder

November 7, 2016