**Texas Master Naturalist – Rolling Plains Chapter**

**Minutes of the meeting June 5, 2018 @ Midwestern State University, Room 209**

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by President, Terry McKee. 31 members present.

Terry asked for a review of last meeting minutes. No changes or additions. Minutes were approved.

Larry presented the financial statement for the month. Total Assets are $4,306.11.

**Committee Reports** – Lynn reported that Horned Lizard Surveys are underway for this year. The June surveys will be held on June 22 (Public) – meet at Chat Trail by Lake Wichita 8:00am, go to LASP, then to Wichita Valley Rail Trail.

June 24 (Private) – Meet at Sutherland’s at 1:15pm – go to two sites – return around 4:00pm

Make up survey will be on June 10 – meet at Sutherland’s at 1:30pm to go to one site at Dean, TX by 2:00pm.

We have not seen any horned lizards at the survey sites yet but have seen them at the quail transect.

Quail project is underway for this year! Quail teams have conducted 3 call counts so far with about normal numbers. Quail Queens have set up dummy nests and are planning on setting up cameras soon. Jane McGough mentioned that we have seen quail while out at the sites. Laura Gillis mentioned that we may have seen a golden eagle as we were leaving the area. Larry Snyder said that we are only required to do 3 call counts and we have completed them, but they may do one more.

**Old Business -**

Terry thanked those who helped with the After-School-Fishing days recently. Terry also thanked those who helped with the Mark Howell Memorial Fishing Rodeo this past weekend. There was a pretty good crowd out although she mentioned that the numbers of kids seem lower.

Lynn thanked those who helped with the Wichita Valley Rail Trail Event held on June 2. Jim Masuoka talked about bats, Betty Bowles had the Wild Plum station, Lisa Taylor had the Monarch station, Debra and Terry had the bird station while Terry went around taking photos also. Megan Sternadel had the prickly pear station. Lynn told a story about the turtle that got stuck in the fence earlier and how the game warden came to rescue it!

**New Business – (Volunteer Opportunities)**

June 6, tomorrow, is the Texoma Regional Math/Science Conference. Our group will have a booth at the event. You can sign up to help from 9:00 am to 4:00pm. Laura Gillis has put together a new display board that we will have at the conference. If you have photos to contribute, let us know!

June 9 – AT opportunity at Hackberry Flats – call Melynda Hickman in advance to set this up. 405-990-4977 – this is from 7:00am to 11:00am.

June 9 – the monthly bird walk at LASP will be held by Terry McKee and Debra Halter at 8:00am.

June 10 – Water testing at Lucy Park near RBNC will start at 8:00am instead of 10:00am.

June 16 – Breeding Bird Survey may need to be rescheduled according to Penny Miller – contact her if you are interested in this event.

June 23 – AT opportunity at LASP – Pollinator and butterfly ID – meet at the dining hall – 9 to noon. Penny Miller will conduct this training. Bring your nets and containers to the event.

Tami asked about whether there will be an event at the Great Backyard Campout this year. Terry mentioned we might do this later before school starts on Aug. 16. She will get with Ranger Laura Clepper.

Larry mentioned that we have a new banner ordered for the chapter.

**Awards –**

Terry presented certificates of class completion to Laura Clepper – (Lee Williamson and Stephen Honkomp – not present)

Terry presented certificates of recertification to – Carl Brown, Maryruth Prose, Judy Snyder, and Larry Snyder (not present Megan Sternadel)

Milestone Awards were presented to Lynn Seman – 1500 hours, Jane McGough – 2000 hours, Terry McKee – 3500 hours

The business meeting ended at 7:34pm. Next meeting will be on July 3.

**Program for this month** – Pollinators by Penny Miller - time for AT .75 hrs.

Thank you, Penny, for the wonderful presentation!

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Seman

Secretary

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