

Texas Master Naturalist – Rolling Plains Chapter

Minutes of the meeting August 7, 2018 @ Midwestern State University, Room 209

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President, Terry McKee. 25 members present.

Terry asked for a review of last meeting minutes. Lynn noted a change to the date of next meeting pointed out by Carol Lunsford which was corrected. Minutes were approved.

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

Committee Reports – Horned Lizard Surveys will continue in August, September, and possibly October. Lynn will send out the dates as they are set.

Larry said the quail study reports will be turned in at the end of August. Larry also mentioned that the VMS program had an audit, and everything looked good. Way to go, Larry! Larry noticed at the last annual meeting that the new chapters had a new design of banner, so he ordered one for our chapter. The new banner looks great! Thanks, Larry!

Old Business - This year's annual meeting will be October 26-28 at Georgetown, TX. Registration is now open. Larry said to sign up soon before rooms fill up. Jane said that this meeting is the 20th anniversary so it will be a very "big" celebration and special meeting. Larry said that there are over 150 classes offered. Terry said she will be working on getting the scrapbook ready.

New Business – (Volunteer Opportunities)

August 11 – Bird walk at LASP with Penny Miller – 8:00am

Terry mentioned that the Sikes Lake Clean up will be on **Sept. 8**. Larry and Norman will cook the hotdogs. The event will last from 9 to 11am.

Terry mentioned that there will also be a Kemp Center "Stroll and Roll" Event on **Sept. 8** from 10 to 4. She asked if anyone would be interested in setting up a booth. The board will discuss this at next board meeting.

Carl Brown said the River Bend Nature Center is planning on doing a revitalization, renovation project and has asked a few members to meet on **Aug. 13** at 2:00pm. They are asking for input for ideas for improvements with interactive exhibits and have put together a focus group.

Lynn mentioned that Christina Stephens from 3 Rivers Foundation by Crowell has asked to see if any of our members would want to help plant a native wildflower and pollinator garden at their location sometime at the end of August or September. More to come later.

Awards –

Terry presented certificates of class completion to Lee Williamson.

New certification certificate and pin to Laura Clepper.

Recertification pins for 2018 to Ray Hyde, Norman Mason, James Masuoka, Jane McGough. (Megan Sternadel – not present)

The business meeting ended at around 7:30pm. Next meeting will be on September 4 in the lab, room 207 with Dr. Estes as the program.

Program for this month – Plant Show and Tell from Members

Thank you to Terry McKee, Penny Miller, Carol Lunsford, Kay Murphy, Debra Halter, Jane McGough, Dian Hoehne, Paula Savage, Sandy Underwood, Maryruth Prose, and Kim Mason, for sharing the plants and information.

Larry told members to record 1 hour VT for meeting and 1 hour of AT for program.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Seman
Secretary
August 7, 2018