

## Texas Master Naturalist – Rolling Plains Chapter

### Minutes of the meeting Sept. 4, 2018 @ Midwestern State University, Room 207

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President, Terry McKee. 28 members present and two guests.

Terry asked for a review of last meeting minutes. No comments. Minutes were approved.

Larry presented the financial statement for the month. Balance - \$4,306.11

**Committee Reports** – Horned Lizard Surveys will take place on Sept. 7 – meet at Lake Wichita Chat trail at 7:00am. Sept. 9 – meet at Sutherland’s parking lot at 4:45pm.

Texas Stream Team – water testing will take place on Sept. 9 at 9:00am starting at Lucy Park.

**Old Business** - This year’s annual meeting will be October 26-28 at Georgetown, TX.

#### **New Business – (Volunteer Opportunities)**

Terry mentioned that the Sikes Lake Clean up will be on **Sept. 8**. Larry and Norman will cook the hotdogs. The event will start at 9:00am Members should come at 8:30am to set up.

Terry mentioned that there will also be a Kemp Center “Stroll and Roll” Event on **Sept. 8** from 10 to 4. We will have a table set up for this event. Talk to Terry if you would like to work at the booth.

**September 8** – Bird Walk with Penny Miller at LASP – starts at 8:00am.

**Sept. 9** – Fishing with a Ranger – contact Laura Clepper to help – 9:30 to 10:30am.

**Sept. 9** – Texas Stream Team – 9:00am – meet at Lucy Park

Park Superintendent Edwin Quintero said that on **October 5-6** there will be a Buffalo Soldier program at Copper Breaks State Park. On Friday, October 5, the school groups will be attending the event. On Saturday, October 6, the event will be open to the public. You can contact Edwin Quintero for more information at [Edwin.quintero@tpwd.texas.gov](mailto:Edwin.quintero@tpwd.texas.gov)

Also, Copper Breaks is sponsoring an event on October 27 (Saturday) from 4:00pm to 8:00pm called Critters and Crawlers. He said they are expecting around 400 to 500 visitors for this event. There will be tables set up for various organizations. Volunteers should show up about 30 min. in advance for a safety meeting. Edwin will send out a digital flyer to advertise the event. It would be great if we had some members that would like to have a table at the event.

L Clepper said that she would like to coordinate a BioBlitz at LASP along with the statewide Pollinator BioBlitz that will take place from Oct. 5 to Oct. 21. Also, she will be working on a date that will work that might coordinate with the Monarch migration so that we can have a tagging event at the park also. The date was first thought to be around October 6, but she will do some checking and let us know for sure at a later date.

Laura Gillis said she has ordered the Monarch tags and they have been mailed, but not received yet. She will organize and get them ready to pass out as soon as they are available.

There was a question from Kim Mason to group about whether or not Bugfest was to take place at River Bend Nature Center this year. Answer – not this year

**Awards –**

Terry presented recertification pins for 2018 to Sharon Hyde and Penny Miller.

Not present to receive pins – Cari King and Megan Sternadel

Texas Water Specialist certificate and pin presented to Lynn Seman. (Megan Sternadel also will receive this at next meeting.)

The business meeting ended at around 7:15pm. Next meeting will be on October 2.

**Program for this month** – Joy Parsons introduced our speaker, Dr. James Estes. “Thinking Like a Plant”

Thank you to Dr. Estes for a stimulating and thought-provoking program on plants!

Program ended at around 8:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Seman

Secretary

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