

Texas Master Naturalist – Rolling Plains Chapter

Minutes of the meeting February 5, 2019@ Midwestern State University, Room 209

7:00pm - Larry began meeting by showing the group a sample of a chapter logo that was created for another Texas Master Naturalist Chapter. He is challenging our group to create a logo for our chapter. Laura Gillis asked about the criteria and if there a deadline for this logo. Larry said that there is no specific criteria and no deadline as of now.

Larry pointed out that there are sign up sheets on the table for working our booth at the Home and Garden Show on February 23 and 24. Please sign up for a time slot. Larry also said he has one Home and Garden ticket for sale for \$6. Jane McGough said that the show will different this year. There are no speakers lined up as in the past. She said that there is a focus on the “reuse-recycle” them.

Terry asked members if they have read the secretary’s report and treasurer’s report that was sent out by e-mail. She asked if there are in additions or corrections. No one spoke up; therefore, Terry said they will stand as read.

Committee Report – Terry asked Lynn to talk about the AT opportunity at Whiteside Museum of Natural History in Seymour, TX. Lynn said that Chris Flis from the Whiteside Museum has agreed to set up an AT opportunity for our group. This would consist of meeting at the museum in Seymour at around 8:00am on the designated date, travel out to the dig site. He would explain the geology, layout, etc. of the area. Then the group would return to the museum for a tour of the museum and the prep lab. It will most likely last about 4 hours. Anyone interested can sign up on the sign-up sheet and indicate which day, Sunday or Monday, would be the best day for him/her.

New Business -

Terry announced upcoming events.

February 9 -There is an opportunity for AT at Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge from 10 to 11:30am

February 9 – Chicken Hawks & Hoot Owls Program & Tour – From 9AM to Noon at Hackberry Flats (Note – a member stated that this event may be full) requires reservation

February 9 – Bird Walk at Lake Arrowhead State Park 8:00am – Penny Miller

February 14 – TV Spot for training class recruitment on TV3 – 6:00am - Ray Hyde and Dian Hoehne will be speaking.

February 16 – Great Backyard Bird Count Event will be held at Lake Arrowhead State Park by dump station at 9:00am. Penny Miller will lead bird counts each day of this event. (listed below)

February 15 (Friday) – She will survey Wichita Bluff Nature Area Trail.

February 16 – (Saturday) LASP, and Penny will also do a portion of the Wichita Valley Rail Trail also.

February 17 – (Sunday) She will survey the trail from Lucy Park to Williams Park.

February 18 –(Monday) She will survey by the chat trail in Lake Wichita Park.

Contact Penny Miller to join her in these surveys.

February 19 – There is a second TV spot for training class on TV3 at noon. Dian Hoehn will be there and would like to have another join her. Please call Dian if you are interested.

February 20 – There is a Pollinator webinar at 11:00am. Information was sent out by Larry a few weeks ago.

February 21 – Lynn asked for anyone who would like to help be a judge at the South Plains Regional Science and Engineering Fair in Lubbock, TX. She will leave at around 5:00am and return late in the evening. She has three spots open in her car for anyone who would like to help out.

February 23-24 – Home and Garden Show – Please sign up for times!

February 28 – training class application is due – March 5 will be first night. Members who show up for this first meeting of the training class will get 1 hour of VT for attending.

March 2 – Plum Lake Kid Fishing Rodeo from 10:00am to noon with a Plum Lake Clean up following the event.

March 29-30 – State Science Fair (College Station) – Our chapter has bought two award plaques for the special award that our TMN organization passes out to one senior high and one junior high project at the fair. Judges are needed to help with this event. Please contact Lynn Seman.

Recertification Certificate and pin was awarded to Cari King for 2018! Congratulations, Cari!

Recertification for 2019 – Lynn Seman (pins are not available yet for this year)

Larry shared a book called “A Primer on Reptiles and Amphibians. For more information about this book, contact Larry Snyder.

Terry had a special Texas Master Naturalist journal to give out to a member and asked for anyone who would like it. Paula Savage received the journal.

Business meeting ended at approximately 7:25pm. There were 33 members and 1 guest present.

Program – Maryruth Prose presented our program on the Texas Butterfly Monitoring Network and the Monarch Health (testing for parasites) Programs. Thank you for the great information, Maryruth!

Websites: Texasbutterflies.org thebutterflynetwork.org pollardbase.org monarchparasites.org

Program ended at around 7:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Seman

Secretary

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