

Texas Master Naturalist – Rolling Plains Chapter

Minutes of the meeting July 2, 2019@ Midwestern State University, Room 209

7:01 pm – Meeting was called to order by Terry McKee. She asked if there were any additions or corrections to the June minutes. Larry said the minutes were fine as sent. Larry said that the financial report was the same as last month. The minutes and treasurer's report were approved.

Committee Report – Terry asked for a report on the Texas Quail Index progress. Larry said that all the teams are in the process of dummy nests research. He mentioned that the grass is waist high and that some groups have had a hard time finding bunch grass. The TQI will continue throughout the summer up to September.

Lynn reported that the horned lizard surveys are still underway. The report from Comanche Springs Astronomy Campus included 3 Texas Horned Lizard sightings. The Wichita Rail Trail Report included one reported sighting of horned lizard scat. The other sites were all “zeros” this month.

Old Business – Terry asked for a report on the Region 9 booth. Some of the members there reported that it seemed to go well. The traffic was slow, but Larry said he was able to talk to the 3Rivers people while at the event. 3 Rivers Foundation is very appreciative of our chapter helping with their work with the pollinator garden.

Terry thanked those who helped with the Whiteside Museum booth at their anniversary celebration. The kids seemed to like the sugar cookies. Some of our members talked to Dr. Robert Bakker at the event which was interesting.

Laura Gillis did a fantastic job at her Nature Journaling workshop at the Kemp Center on Sunday, June 30. There were about 12 attendees who would like to do this again soon!

New Business –

Ranger L Clepper talked to the group about creating inserts for LASP Jr. Ranger booklet. This could be a chapter project. If you have a special interest such as Monarchs, Pumpjacks, Fish, Prairie Dogs, or others, you can let “L” know and send information for a page insert to be added to the booklet periodically. This could also be a seasonal page. She is looking for subjects that would be related specially to Lake Arrowhead State Park. The page will be for students age 6-7, 8-10, or 11-12. Email Ranger L if you are interested in helping with this project.

July 6 – LASP will be having a Nature Bike Ride from 10:00am to 11:00am – The ride will start at Prairie Dog Town and then proceed to the boat ramp area. Some of our members could have a table set up there to talk to the participants. Then the ride will go to the campground areas (by the pumpjack) (Debra Halter said she might be a the pumpjack to talk to people there). Then the ride will return to the Prairie Dog Town. Anyone who would like to help out, please contact Ranger L Clepper. (even if you want to help with traffic)

July 8 – Anyone who would like to go to Comanche Springs Astronomy Campus can meet at Atwood's at 6:30am to go work on the pollinator garden and possibly paint two benches. Contact Lynn if you are interested.

July 13 – Penny will be having a Bird Walk at LASP – 8:00am.

July 20 – We are hosting a Moth Watch at Lake Arrowhead State Park starting at 8:00pm at the dining hall area. Our board approved the purchase of a moth light and battery pack that will hopefully be in before the event.

July 27 – Kemp Center for the Arts is hosting 3Rivers at Lake Arrowhead State Park for a Star Party. This will start at 7:30pm. Before dark, there will be watercolors, leaf prints, moth watch, and a scavenger hunt for the kids before the skies are dark enough to use the telescopes. Members are asked to come assist with these activities.

River Bend Nature Center still has two more summer camps. They can always use helpers.

August 10 – We are presenting a program on Monarch Butterflies for the ArtZeum at the Kemp Center from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Any members who would like to participate are welcome to help! Be watching for a message about a meeting to plan for the presentation coming soon.

Training Class Completion Certificates – Donna Beaver, Larry Harvey

Recertification for 2019 –

Debra Halter, Terry McKee, James Masuoka, Maryruth Prose, Larry Snyder

Hours Awards – Maryruth Prose 500 hrs., Carl Brown 1500 hrs., Larry Snyder 2000 hrs.,

Not present – Betty Bowles – 250 hrs., Susan Lindsay – training class certification

The **August 6** meeting will have a program on Pollinators by Penny Miller.

Business meeting ended at approximately 7:31pm.

There were 25 members present at the meeting.

Program – Laura Clepper – Wildland Fire Management – Great job, “L”!

Program and questions ended at around 8:23pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Seman

Secretary

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