

Texas Master Naturalist – Rolling Plains Chapter

Minutes of the meeting May 7, 2019@ Midwestern State University, Room 209

7:05pm – Meeting was called to order by Terry McKee. Terry asked if members had a chance to look over the minutes of the last meeting. No additions or corrections so minutes were accepted as read. Terry asked if members got to see the treasurer's report. (also approved)

Committee Report – Terry asked Lynn to report on the Horned Lizard Survey. Lynn said that the surveys have started in April at 3 private land sites, and 3 public access sites. We have surveyed now for April and May, but no horned lizards have been observed. We have also added a new site at Comanche Springs Astronomy Campus. Surveys will continue through September.

Old Business – Terry asked for someone to speak about the Comanche Springs Milkweed project. Lynn said that we tried planting some earlier, but not all of them are taking root. We will try to plant more on Wednesday, May 8. Anyone who wants to help is welcome to come. Contact Lynn

AT on water testing – Thanks to Megan Sternadel for providing the training for the Texas Stream Team earlier! If you are part of this AT, you can join the testing on **May 18** to finish your training. Megan will send out information on where and when.

Larry wants to remind everyone that this Saturday, **May 11**, is the Letter Carrier's Food Drive. Drop your canned goods off in your mail boxes on Saturday morning.

New Business –

On **May 9**, there is an After School Fishing at South Weeks Park from 4:30pm to 6:00pm sponsored by TPWD. Norman and Kim were there for today's event and said there were about 20 to 30 kids. (extra note – this program will also continue next week on May 14 and May 16)

Also, on **May 9**, the training class on geology with Dr. Price has been scheduled from an earlier cancellation. It will be at 7:00pm till 9:00pm.

May 11 – training class will plan on making up the Wetlands field trip to Hackberry Flat in Oklahoma. If you leave from Wichita Falls, the time will be 8:00am.

May 11 and May 25 – Fishing with a Ranger – at LASP 1:00pm – You can sign up to help with this by contacting Ranger L Clepper.

May 12 and May 19 – Water colors at the Lake, LASP 2:00pm

May 14 – West Foundation Elementary has asked us to have a station on plant adaptations from noon to 3:00pm to help their fifth graders get ready for tests.

May 14,15,16 – The Dallas Zoo will be coming to River Bend Nature Center – If you want to help with crowd control, contact Leslie Fernandes at River Bend.

May 18 and May 25 – Prairie Dog Program at LASP 10:00am – contact L Clepper

June 1 – Keith from LASP announced that on June 1, the 35th annual Mark Howell Memorial Kid Fishing Rodeo will be held from 10:00am to noon. Volunteers are needed to help with this event. Also, there will be an Adult Rough Fish Contest also from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

June 8 – Lynn said that Whiteside Museum of Natural History in Seymour will be having a special event to celebrate their 5th anniversary. We are welcome to have a booth at the event.

Recertification for 2019 certificate was presented to Lynn Seman (pins are not available yet for this year)

250 hour milestone award was presented to Joy Parsons.

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Business meeting ended at approximately 7:30pm. There were 30 members present at meeting.

Program – Debra Halter presented the program on Dragonflies and Damselflies of Wichita County to the group. Great program, Debra! Thanks for sharing!

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Seman

Secretary

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