**Texas Master Naturalist – Rolling Plains Chapter**

**Minutes of the meeting December 3, 2019@ Letter Carrier’s Hall Wichita Falls, TX**

Christmas Party began at 6:00pm with a blessing by Norman Mason and then members enjoying food from Luigi’s (lasagna, salad, rolls, and desserts provided by members). Approximately 24 members and guests were present.

After the meal, Terry presented recertification certificates to Kim Mason and Lisa Taylor. Penny Miller received her 2019 pin. Kay Murphy presented Terry McKee with an award of appreciation for her many years of dedication and work as our president. Terry became a member in 2006. Larry then went through the years starting with 2001 and asked for recognition of members of these classes up until now.

Terry talked about the first day hike which will be on January 1 at Lake Arrowhead State Park with the Dragonfly Trail hike starting at 2:00pm and the longer hike starting at 4:00pm.

Next, she mentioned the Christmas Bird Count which will take place on December 21. Larry said that the groups will start at 5:00am and continue until 5:00pm. Debra said that participants don’t have to stay for the entire day if they don’t want to. Penny, Terry and Sue will be the team leaders.

Larry mentioned that LASP is having Christmas at the Park on December 7. L said that people can come out after 5:00pm for free if they are participating in the event or just want to see the lights.

There will be a bird walk with Penny on December 14, 8:00am at LASP.

Laura Gillis said that our chapter tagged 115 Monarchs this year. She has turned in our data. Thank you, Laura!

Laura Gillis has been working on a logo for our chapter. She presented two logos for the members to look over. One is a meadowlark and one is a bobwhite quail. Larry will work on getting them out for the members to look at to decide which one to use for our logo. Great job, Laura!

Terry mentioned the program on December 14 at Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge on Venomous Snakes that will count as AT.

Also, Lynn is having a committee to work on planning for a monthly hike. The meeting will be on Thursday, December 5 at the Letter Carrier’s Hall at 5:30pm. It will last until 6:30pm so that anyone wanting to go to the Friends of Lake Arrowhead meeting can still make it in time.

Larry mentioned that past president, Jim Hensley broke his foot recently.

Kay mentioned the “centipede” “centerpiece”. (I think Debra brought that!)

Terry said the new officers for 2020 will be Kay Murphy, President, Lisa Taylor, Vice-President, Lynn Seman, Secretary, and Larry Snyder, Treasurer. Debra Halter will take over as Webmaster. Paula Savage will remain as newsletter editor. Larry said that we are looking for a communications director – Dian is stepping down.

Meeting was followed by a lively gift exchange. Merry Christmas everyone!

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Seman

Secretary

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