

October Meeting for Rolling Plains Chapter TMN – October 6, 2020 (Zoom)

Members present (virtually - 20): Carol Lunsford, Kay Murphy, Linda Price, Debra Halter, Terry McKee, June McKee, Jim Masuoka, Laura Gillis, Jane McGough, Betty Bowles, Sharon and Ray Hyde, Penny Miller, Kim and Norman Mason (I think), Carl Brown, Larry and Judy Snyder, Deborah Bagley, and Lynn Seman.

Kay opened the meeting at 7:00p, and then turned it over to Dr. James Masuoka. He presented a very informative program on PCR- Method and Uses. Thank you, Dr. Masuoka!

This program is recorded and will be available for viewing soon.

Program lasted until 7:38pm.

Business Meeting:

Kay asked for any corrections to the minutes or the treasurer's report. No corrections were mentioned. Minutes and treasurer's report were approved.

Kay said that the Great Texas Birding Classic is underway. Larry reported that his group will have 3 teams – Penny Miller (alone), Warren and Sue King, and Larry and Judy Snyder. They will go around Wichita Falls area (50 mile radius), but can't go into Oklahoma on October 20th and will observe and count bird species.

Kay said that Larry is making Project Request Forms for VT and AT. These forms will be used if someone has a project for the chapter that they would like approved.

Larry said the monofilament line stations are up at the locations. He has filled out an application to get it approved. It will need to be checked once a month. Debra asked about where they are sent and what they do with the line.

Debra said that the Bat Event was taken off so she guesses they aren't having it.

Lynn said that Ranger L at Lake Arrowhead State Park is hosting a Pollinator BioBlitz in cooperation with the Texas Pollinator BioBlitz that is going on right now from Oct. 2 to 18. The LASP Bioblitz will be on Saturday, October 10 at 1:00pm and a moth event that evening at 8:00pm. Laura asked about whether you will need to reserve your pass online. Debra answered that she thought you can use your Park Pass when you come out. (I checked with Ranger L and she said that if you are a Texas State Park Pass holder, you can get it scanned at the window. If you are volunteering/ you can get a promo. If you are just coming out for the day, she recommends that you get an online permit ahead of time because it plans to be a busy weekend.)

Laura said that if you have tags, you will need to get the data forms to her by November 15th. Members discussed that there still are Monarchs hanging around the area.

Larry said that we are still looking for a treasurer for next year.

Larry motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Kay seconded it and the meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Additional note: Penny said that she talked to Keith at LASP. We can resume bird walks. If you do not have a park pass and are entering when the office is not open, you are supposed to get a pass in advance online. They will accept payment if the office is open (it won't be at 8:00am). No more than 10 people in a group. Masks aren't required outside if everyone stays socially distanced. No sharing binoculars or field guides. We will have a bird walk on Saturday morning.

Meeting was adjourned at around 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Seman

Rolling Plains Chapter TMN Secretary

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