

TMN November Chapter Meeting – November 3, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President, Kay Murphy.

20 members present – Kay Murphy, Larry and Judy Snyder, Terry McKee, Debra Halter, Penny Miller, Sandy Underwood, Carl Brown, Linda Price, James Masuoka, Marilyn Meador, Kim and Norman Mason, Allen Brejer, Carol Lunsford, Alex Nelson, Sharon and Ray Hyde, Laura Gillis, and Lynn Seman.

Kay asked if anyone had any additions or corrections to the minutes. Larry motioned for the minutes to be accepted. Kay said Larry sent out the financial statements. All are approved.

Larry said that we need a treasurer for next year.

Larry said that if you have your dues for next year, you can mail them to him. (\$15 single \$25 couple) He also said that if you want Home and Garden Show tickets, you can order them in advance from him at \$8 each. He will not buy any extras this year so if you want tickets, you must order them in advance.

Laura Gillis reminded everyone to get your Monarch tags to her by November 15th. She has to send them in by December 1. You can also mail them to Laura Gillis. (check newsletter for address) Kay said there is a presidents' meeting on December 7 that Laura may want to attend.

Lynn said a few words about a new volunteer project. On November 21, chapter members are invited to help with a special project at Comanche Springs Astronomy Campus near Crowell, TX. We will be doing a pre-evaluation of the land that will be used in a prescribed burn that will take place sometime in January, and then a post-evaluation(s) after the burn. Christena Stephens, Wildlife Biologist, will provide the instructions needed to carry out this survey of the land before the survey takes place.

What will this involve?

walking the site, observing and identifying living things in a square sample area that will be GPS marked, assisting with the pre-evaluation before the burn, and the post-evaluation after the burn. The walking will be over land with mesquite trees, etc. The walking will be at a slow pace near a road.

When will this take place?

November 21, 2020 (training and first survey) (*tentative-weather dependent*)
and then later date TBD

Time: **9:00am**

Please let Lynn know if you can help!

Kay said that the last presidents' meeting said that we should not share the videos from the Annual Meeting, but that they will be doing a special program in 2021 on Tuesdays called "TMN Tuesdays" at lunchtime. At this special day, they will show the videos from the annual

meeting for AT credit. On January 12, they will start with Doug Tallamy's presentation and then have a variety of other ones. She also said that the state office is having trouble handling all of the questions about VMS from chapters. Larry said that our project forms that he made will solve our problems with VT and AT.

He asked if Debra will add them to our website.

Penny talked about the Adopt-a-Loop project. She said that there are Texas Wildlife Trails across Texas that Texas Parks and Wildlife have, but need help in checking on these trails and also with adding observations at these locations. There are 3 loops in our area with 8 sites. She said don't do anything yet until she gets the checklist set up and she will let us know when to start on this project. There is a possibility to add other loops to the project such as Nature Bluff, Lake Wichita, and others. She will check on these. Larry mentioned that he found an area in Montague County that has 568 acres called the Nocona site (part of Hagerman?) Penny said she will look into that one.

Penny's bird walks at Lake Arrowhead State Park have started up again on the second Tuesday of each month. Next one is November 14, 8:00am.

Project Feeder Watch starts on November 14 also.

Lake Arrowhead State Park is having "Christmas in the Park" on December 5. (more to come about that later).

Meeting was adjourned at 7:22pm.

Program on Worms was presented by Penny Miller until 8:12pm.

Thank you, Penny!

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Seman
Secretary
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