

Chapter Meeting for Rolling Plains Chapter TMN January 5, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by chapter president, Laura Gillis.

Members present were: Laura Gillis, Debra Halter, Lynn Seman, Sandy Underwood, Linda Price, Terry McKee, Larry and Judy Snyder, Marilyn Meader, Paula Savage, Jane McGough, Alex Nelson, Lisa Taylor, Kay Murphy, Jim Masuoka, Penny Miller, Ray and Sharon Hyde, Carl Brown, Cindy Huckabee, Laura Clepper, Carol Lunsford, Betty Bowles, Joy Parsons, Aaron Holland, and Pat and Dian Hoehne. We welcomed DeAnna Bullock from Graham as our guest.

The December chapter meeting minutes and the treasurer's report were accepted as posted.

Old Business:

Dues are now due - \$15 for individuals and \$25 for couples. Send to Lynn Seman, 982 Victoria, Burkburnett, TX 76354.

Penny Miller is getting dates to sign up for Adopt-a-Loop. There will be a 2 hour online training this Friday from 3-5. Let Penny know if you are interested, and she will send you the link.

Debra Halter reported that the Christmas Bird Count netted 93 species with one new species: black-bellied whistling duck. Participants will be able to count their hours.

Laura Gillis congratulated Jane McGough on recertifying for 2020.

New Business:

Laura Gillis reported that we are still considered a "red county", and per state guidelines can't have any in person events.

We have enough applicants to make a training class. Terry McKee and committee are working on a schedule. Classes will be via Zoom. When the schedule is complete, it will be posted on the website.

The Home & Garden Show is planned to go on as scheduled February 27-28 both in person and virtual. Due to state guidelines we will not be able to man a table. We are planning to have an unmanned booth with brochures and contact information for anyone interested. The deadline to preorder tickets is January 15. Tickets are \$8 each and the Chapter gets to keep \$6. Contact Lynn Seman if you want tickets.

The Chapter needs volunteers to help with Outreach, Publicity, and Historian. There was a question as to what Outreach involved. Jane explained that when we reach out and work with other organizations such as BSA, or man a booth at an event that is Outreach. The Historian

would need to keep up with the scrapbooks and add articles to them as needed. There is some discussion on a project to digitize the scrapbooks and put them on the website.

These committees and projects were discussed:

- Brochure update: Laura Gillis has the information on her computer, but will need some help. Updating the partner list was discussed.
- Monthly Hike Committee: Lynn said there would be a committee meeting in the near future to discuss virtual options.
- City Nature Challenge Committee: We are officially included. Lynn would like to have participation from each of our counties.
- Chapter Project Videos Committee: We would like to make 1-2 minute videos for each project we are involved in - basically a summary of the project with pictures. Contact Lynn if you are interested in helping or making a video.
- Climate Watch: A bird watching project January 15-February 15 with a focus on specific species. Debra is getting more information.
- Project Feeder Watch: Continues through April 9.
- The 24th annual Great Backyard Bird Count: Feb. 12-15
- LASP Bird Walk with Penny: Saturday, January 9 at 8:00 am. Limit 10 to a group.
- TMN Tuesdays: On the second Tuesday of each month at noon, the TMN State Office will offer an hour-long virtual advanced training event. If you can't watch at noon, you can watch the video later and still get credit! <https://txmn.tamu.edu/tmntuesdays>
- Larry completed the 2020 Quail report and emailed it to the project participants. In summary, there was plenty of rain, plenty of food, but few quail. We will be allowed to continue this study.

AT and Volunteer Project Request Forms are available on the website under the "Members Area" tab. If you have an AT or Volunteer opportunity, PLEASE fill out the appropriate form and submit it to the Board for approval. The Board meets on the last Monday of the month. If there is a time/ deadline issue and you need approval before a scheduled meeting, please email your form to one of the Board members we will make every effort to approve the project in advance. Approval may also be obtained after the fact but prior approval is preferred.

Next month's meeting will be on Zoom February 2 at 7:00. Dr. Joseph Veech will share his studies on the Texas Kangaroo Rat.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:31