

Chapter Meeting for Rolling Plains Chapter TMN

March 2, 2021

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

Members present were: Laura Gillis, Debra Halter, Kim and Norman Mason, Terry McKee, Larry and Judy Snyder, Betty Bowles, Carl Brown, Penny Miller, Jim Masuoka, Linda Price, Kay Murphy, Jane McGough, Paula Savage, Carol Lunsford, Lisa Taylor, Marilyn Meader, Jim Hensley, Lynn Seman, Cari King, Pat Hoehne, Ray and Sharon Hyde, Tami Davis, Cindy Huckabee, Aaron Holland, Joy Parsons, Warren King, and Tiffany Herring. Guests were Gail Wisdom and DeAnna Bullock.

Warren King was congratulated for achieving 1000 volunteer hours.

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

Several members shared wildlife activity observed during the snow and freezing temperatures.

Old Business:

Committee and Project Reports:

Training Class - Terry is working on getting the field trips scheduled. First class is Thursday.

Saturday Hikes - February hike went well. Members wanting to know more about the monthly hikes were encouraged to email the chapter to be put on that email list.

Adopt A Loop - Lynn sent out a link for AT training.

Home and Garden Show - Laura said that the numbers at the show were down this year.

Climate Watch - Winter session is over. There will be a spring session 5/15/2021 to 6/15/2021. Debra explained how the survey is done.

Partner Updates and Reports:

Wild Bird Rescue - Carl reported that during the week of the snow the rescue took in 33 birds including 22 species from as far away as Denton, Jacksboro, and Nocona. He says this is a great place to volunteer.

Midwestern State University - Betty informed the group about a virtual exhibition that the art department is putting on for Earth Day called Restore Our Earth. It will run April 1 - April 30.

Whiteside Museum - Lynn told us that they are having a fundraiser to add more space to the paleo lab. They are about \$30,000 away from their goal.

Comanche Springs - Lynn reported that the prescribed burn took place February 2. The post survey will happen in April. There are volunteer hours available that can be completed from home. Contact Lynn.

Appointment of non-elected board members - Laura reported that we still need volunteers to help with Outreach, Publicity, and Historian. We also need a liaison for the County Extension Service.

New Business:

New opportunities:

Science fair judging opportunities - Lynn reported that the Regional fair was finished. She, Betty, and Tami judged the entrees and the winner's project was about hemp and bat foraging. Lynn still needs volunteers for the State fair. Contact her by March 7 if interested.

Angler Education - River Bend will have a fish event Saturday, March 13.

Last Saturday Hike - This month's topic is Invasive Species. The instruction video and link will be sent out March 20. The Campfire Conversation will be held March 27. This will be a perfect lead-in for the Invasive Species Removal Task Force!

Committees and Projects:

Project Feeder Watch - continues until April 9.

LASP Bird Walk with Penny - Saturday, March 13, 2021 at 8:00 am.

AT and VT approval forms: This is a fillable PDF. We are getting a lot in. Try to fill out the form before the event so we can get the word out.

Upcoming Events and Opportunities: Please see the email from Lynn with the complete listings.

Next Meeting: April 6, 2021 at 7:00 pm via Zoom or maybe in person. Topic TBA

Laura adjourned the business meeting 7:36

Program: Lisa Taylor - City Nature Challenge and Debra Halter - How to use iNaturalist