

Chapter Meeting for Rolling Plains Chapter TMN April 6, 2021

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

Members present were: Lynn Seman, Linda Price, Laura Gillis, Alex Nelson, Marilyn Meader, Sandy Underwood, Jane McGough, Cari King, Larry and Judy Snyder, James Masouka, Carol Lunsford, Dana Cobb, Penny Miller, Norman and Kim Mason, Debra Halter, Kay Murphy, Terry McKee, Becky Trammell, Tiffany Herring, Carl Brown, Lisa Taylor, Paula Savage, Debbie Bagley, Aaron Holland, and Joy Parsons.

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

Congratulations to re-certifying members: Carl Brown, Sue King, Warren King, Kay Murphy, and Penny Miller. Certificates will be available for pick-up from Terry McKee or Debra Halter at Wilson's Office Supply at 820 8th Street.

Laura introduced Adam Whisenant of the Texas Kills & Spills Team who presented the program.

Old Business:

Committee and Project Reports:

Training Class - Terry McKee: The training class is going well, and hopefully we will have some field trips planned.

Saturday Hikes - Alex Nelson: April's hike will be a BioBlitz. We will meet in person at the "Dirt Mound" at Lake Wichita Park on Saturday, April 24 at 3:00. Register on Eventbrite link to be sent out.

Adopt A Loop - Laura Gillis: Comanche Springs has been added.

Partner Updates and Reports:

Wild Bird Rescue - Carl Brown: They have not started getting baby birds yet, but that may change with the windy weather. They have received 3 Great Horned Owls and a Red-Shouldered Hawk. They are still looking for a name for the Ferruginous Hawk. They will need many volunteers once the baby birds start coming in.

Whiteside Museum, Comanche Springs, and Copper Breaks - Lynn Seman: Check email for volunteer opportunities.

Chapter Help needed:

We need help with Outreach, Publicity, and Historian. We also need a liaison for Chapter and County Extension Service. We would also like to see more activity from members on our Facebook page and possibly a Facebook page manager.

State Science Fair: Lynn Seman - It was virtual this year. Carl and Lise helped Lynn with the judging. Winners will be announced April 11 and the Chapter has provided awards.

Angler Education: River Bend Fish Event: Carl and Lynn attended. There were 14 participants. They learned how to ID fish, tie knots, and practiced casting.

New Business:

State Program Updates - Laura Gillis.

Meetings and Training will continue on Zoom due to social distancing guidelines. We can not require participants in face-to-face events to wear masks.

Volunteer time changes for chapter meetings will be for actual time of the business meeting. Laura will be checking with other chapters to see how they are handling this.

“Against All Odds” pins will be available for pick-up at Wilson Office Supply.

TMN Tuesday: Log in VMS with the date actually watched under AT: TMN Tuesday.

State Meeting will be in the DFW area. Registration opens August 1.

TMN License Plates will be available soon for a \$30 annual fee. \$22 goes to the TMN program.

Missed Training Classes: Still working on how to do this.

New opportunities:

Project Feeder Watch extended until the end of April

LASP Bird Walk with Penny is Saturday, April 10 at 8:00 am.

Upcoming Surveys: Check your email for opportunities to participate in the post burn survey at Comanche Springs, Horned Lizard surveys, Water Testing, and Adopt a Highway Cleanup.

Next Meeting: May 4, 2021 at 7:00 pm via Zoom. TMN trainee, Dana Cobb will present on issues with Feral Hogs.

Discussion on Ricky Linex retirement. Send a card? Gift card?

Laura adjourned the business meeting 8:30