

# Chapter Meeting for Rolling Plains Chapter TMN May 4, 2021

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

Members present were: Lynn Seman, Betty Bowles, Sandy Underwood, Kay Murphy, Dana Cobb, Larry and Judy Snyder, Laura Gillis, Carl Brown, Linda Price, Debra Halter, Jane McGough, Paula Savage, Sharon and Ray Hyde, Kim and Norman Mason, Betty Trammell, Carol Lunsford, Marilyn Meader, Laura Clepper, Alex Nelson, Tami Davis, Aaron Holland, Terry McKee, Tiffany Herring, Deanna Bullock, and Jim Hensley.

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

Congratulations to L Clepper and Marilyn Meader for reaching the 250 Hour Milestone Award and Debra Halter for Recertification. Certificates and "Against All Odds" pins are available for pick up from Terry McKee or Debra Halter at Wilson's Office Supply.

## **Old Business:**

Committee and Project Reports:

Training Class - Field trips are being planned. May 22 will be a wildflower hike at Comanche Springs. This will count at training and the monthly hike. It will not be open to the public.

Saturday Hikes - Alex Nelson:

Partner Updates and Reports:

Wild Bird Rescue - Carl Brown: Young birds are beginning to come in including 9 young great horned owls. Volunteers are needed.

MSU - Laura Gillis - The Restore Our Earth immersive virtual exhibition is continuing.

Whiteside Museum - Lynn Seman - Have almost met goal for construction

Comanche Springs - Lynn Seman - Programs are beginning at Comanche Springs. The streams team will also begin water testing there. Carol Lunsford and Jane McGough are working on pictures for uploading to iNaturalist.

Lake Arrowhead State Park - Ranger L - Bird walk on May 8th, beginning to schedule hikes, new signage on Dragonfly Trail, Larry said that 2 out of 3 of the monofilament line recycling stations are doing well. May need to move the 3rd one.

### **New Business:**

City Nature Challenge - We need to get observations identified to research grade by end of Sunday.

State Program Updates - Laura Gillis - Social Distancing Guidelines - no change

Volunteer time changes for chapter meetings will be for actual time of the business meeting.

TMN Tuesday: May 11 at noon. Speaker Chris Schenck, Statewide Prescribed Fire Program Leader in TPWD's Wildlife Division.

TMN Be the Change: May 18 at noon. Speaker: Alex Bailey, founder of Black Outside, Inc.

To report TMN Tuesday or TMN Be the Change, Log in VMS with the date actually watched under AT: TMN Tuesday.

State Meeting will be in the DFW area. Registration opens August 1. It will be a hybrid model with limited in person registration.

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

Missed Training Classes: Video links will be sent by email with make-up session scheduled for Tuesday, June 22 at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Recordings of trainings are on the Chapter YouTube channel if anyone wants to watch them.

New opportunities:

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

TQI Quail Surveys starting soon. Quail call counts can begin May 15.

Region 9 Stem Conference is June 9 and 10. We need volunteers to man the booth.

Upcoming Surveys: Check your email and the website calendar for opportunities to participate in Horned Lizard surveys, Water Testing, Adopt a Highway Cleanup, and other events and opportunities.

**Next Meeting:** June 1, 2021 at 7:00 pm via Zoom. Heidi Kryger will present on tracking.

Laura adjourned the business meeting 7:40

Dana Cobb presented the program on Feral Hogs.