

Chapter Meeting for Rolling Plains Chapter TMN October 5, 2021

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

Members present were: Carl Brown, Jim Masuoka, Judy and Larry Snyder, Debra Halter, Terry Mckee, June McKee, Laura Gillis, Dian Hoehne, Kim and Norman Mason, Linda Price, Deborah Bagley, Betty Bowles, Joy Parsons, Sandy Underwood, DeAnna Bullock, Lynn Seman, Charles Kravalski, Marilyn Meader, Penny Miller, Glenna Pickens, Jane McGough, Paula Savage, Becky Trammel, Dana Cobb, Cindy Huckabee, and Allen Brajer

We welcomed guest, Rosie Scholl.

David Graf, Wichita County AgriLife Extension Agent, presented on what his office does for our area.

The September chapter meeting minutes were accepted as posted. The financial report was posted to Google drive.

Old Business:

Monarch Tags: Please bring unused tags and data sheet to the November meeting, or mail to Laura Gillis.

New Business:

Certifications and Milestones:

- DeAnna Bullock - New Certification

T-Shirt Report: DeAnna Bullock

- Will need state approval, then a form will be sent out to collect orders

Christmas Party: Terry McKee

- December 7 at letter Carrier Union Hall. Dinner will be Luigi's
- Clean-up day is Dec. 4 at 9:00 am. Bring paper towels
- Will need a head count by Nov. 1
- \$5 per person. Money will go to Wildbird Rescue. Money needs to go to Lynn. Chapter will match donations up to \$250
- Recycled Santa gift exchange
- Photo/Art contest
- More details sent out in email

Committee & Project Reports

- Water Testing - Lynn Seman: happening each month - check the calendar
- Adopt a Highway - Lynn Seman: We have met our quota for the year, but may do 1 more.
- TQI Quail Surveys: Larry Snyder - All finished for the year except monthly monitoring of rain gauge
- Horned Lizards Surveys - Lynn Seman: Lynn attended Ripfest and had merch for sale. Proceeds go toward horned lizard research, There are webinars coming up that may be approved for AT.

Partner Updates & Reports

- Wild Bird Rescue: Carl Brown - closed down at the moment and not able to take in birds due to loss of permit holder. Hopefully permit will be reissued this week. WBR will need to do upgrades to maintain permit.
- Whiteside Museum: Lynn Seman - Becky Trammel is working to get historical marker for Augusta Kemp.
- Riverbend Nature Center: Carl Brown - Bioblitz on October 15 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Free for the public. Will need volunteers.

State Program Updates: Laura Gillis

State Meeting: October 21-24, 2021 at the DFW Airport Marriott.

• Request for volunteers - see email attachment for instructions on how to sign up. Volunteers for set-up & tear down do not have to be registered. Volunteers for events & programs must be registered.

- If you are registered for the virtual version of the meeting, recorded AT sessions of the Annual Meeting can be watched through April 2022 for your AT hours.

- 500-600 people are registered so far, (200+ in person)

- Registration is still open but no early bird discount after 10/1

Home & Garden Show Tickets: H&G Tickets will be on sale soon. Tickets will sell for \$8 and the Chapter gets to keep \$6 of each sale. We will have some tickets available at the Christmas Party if you would like to get yours early... they also make great stocking stuffers! Volunteers working the TMN booth will have to have a ticket. The event is February 25, 26, and 27.

PS: The 2022 t-shirts feature "Poochie" by our own Paula Savage!

New opportunities

- LASP Bird Walk with Penny: Saturday, October 9, 2021; 8:00 am. This is also Cornell's Fall Global Day which is the 8th through the 10th.
- Campfire Monarch Program: October 4, 5 & 6, 4:30 to 5:30 at Campfire USA Harrell Park. Lynn, Tiffany, and Tami are running this.
- Riverbend: Saturday at 1:00. Need volunteers to help tag monarchs
- TMN Tuesdays: October 12, 12-??; This will be a presentation of projects submitted to the Annual Meeting competition. No estimate on time, but will be more than 1 hour.
- TMN Tuesdays: November 9, 2021: Nate Fuller on Bats
- Pollinator Garden Work at Comanche Springs, TBA
- Wildbird Rescue workday: October 16 8:00 am, bring gloves and gardening tools to work in pollinator and hummingbird garden.

Other Events and Opportunities:

Please see the website calendar or emails from Lynn for complete listings and updates!

Next Meeting: November 2, 2021 at 7:00 pm Hybrid meeting - in person at MSU & on Zoom Program presented by Nicole Cook, Future TMN Member (we hope)!

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm

