

# **Rolling Plains Chapter, Texas Master Naturalist**

Monthly Meeting

January 4, 2022

7 p.m. Bolin Science Hall, Room 209, MSU and via Zoom

The meeting was called to order by President Laura Gillis at 7:00 p.m. The meeting agenda, previous month's meeting minutes, and financial reports were presented to the members via email before the meeting.

## **Welcome Guests & Introduction**

Blair Ramon, North Central Texas Bee Project (Blair was sick and rescheduled to the February meeting)

Alex Nelson presented the program: Collecting Seeds and The Importance of Protecting Plant Diversity for Native Prairies

Members attending: Alex Nelson, Judy Maness, Terry McKee, Debra Halter, Laura Gillis, Lynn Seman, DeAnna Bullock, Sandy Underwood, Tiffany Herring; via Zoom, Becky Trammell, Carl Brown, Dana Cobb, Jane McGough, Lisa Taylor, Marilyn Meador, Paula Savage, Penny Miller, Sharon and Ray Hyde, Warren and Sue King.

## **Meeting Minutes & Financial Report**

December meeting minutes were presented and accepted unanimously.

The financial report was presented. The chapter's balance as of 1/4/22 was \$6050.05.

Disbursements for December were \$842.44, comprised of a \$500 donation to Wild Bird Rescue, and the remainder was Christmas party expenses. Income was \$500.19 from dues, Amazon Smile, H&G ticket sales. The financial report was accepted unanimously.

## **Old Business**

Thank yous: to Larry Snyder, Terry McKee, and many volunteers to make the Christmas party a fun event for all. Members raised \$450 to donate to the Wild Bird Rescue. Photo and art contest winners are Larry Snyder and Tiffany Herring.

T-shirts: DeAnna Bullock is working with TMN state office for approval of the T-shirt design. She will share the order sheet online so members can place orders, or members can email DeAnna directly. Also, she will bring an order sheet to pass during the February meeting.

## **New Business**

New certifications: Congratulations to Tiffany Herring and Aaron Holland for achieving double certification for 2021.

## **Welcome New Officers**

President—Laura Gillis (second term)

Vice President—Alex Nelson

Secretary—DeAnna Bullock

Treasurer—Lynn Seman (second term)

Officer Retreat: Saturday, January 8, 2022, Lake Arrowhead Dining Hall. Any topics or issues from the membership are welcome for consideration and discussion. Thank you to Debra Halter and Sandy Underwood.

## **Reminders**

Home and Garden Show: February 26-27, 2022, at MPEC. The volunteer signup sheet will be circulated at the February 1, 2022 meeting and on Zoom.

Dues are due: \$15 for individuals; \$25 for couples. See Lynn Seman to pay.

Volunteer and Advanced Training Hours: Record all 2021 hours ASAP.

Check Chapter Calendar for new training and volunteer opportunities.

Hike committee: committee will meet immediately following tonight's chapter meeting to plan future hikes.

Christmas Bird Count: 76 species confirmed; low numbers of birds but good diversity otherwise.

First Day Hike:

## **Partner Updates & Reports**

River Bend Nature Center

Midwestern State University

Whiteside Museum

Comanche Springs

Lake Arrowhead State Park

Copper Breaks State Park

Wild Bird Rescue

No other reports.

## **Volunteer/Advanced training for this meeting:**

.5 hrs for presentation

.5 hrs for chapter administration

Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DeAnna Bullock

Secretary

**Next meeting: February 1, 2022**, MSU Bolin Science Hall or on Zoom. Blair Ramon will present on the North Texas Bee Project.