

Rolling Plains Chapter, Texas Master Naturalist

Monthly Meeting

February 1, 2022

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

The meeting was called to order by President Laura Gillis at 7:01 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

Members attending: Joy Parsons, Terry McKee, Debra Halter, Lynn Seman, Laura Gillis, Alex Nelson, Tiffany Herring, James Masuoka, Norman and Kim Mason, Linda Price, Carl Brown, Betty Bowles, Judy and Larry Snyder, Kay Murphy, and Aaron Holland.

Via Zoom: Allen Brajer Becky Trammell DeAnna Bullock Deborah Haralson Donna?, Glenna Pickens Jane McGough Lisa Taylor Paula Savage Penny Miller Sandy Underwood Sharon, and Ray Hyde.

Meeting Minutes & Financial Report

January meeting minutes were presented and accepted unanimously.

The financial report was presented. The financial report was accepted unanimously.

Old Business

T-shirts—TNM state office provided a special 20-year anniversary logo design. We use the anniversary design for chapter shirts. Orders will be taken at the next meeting.

New Business

New certifications: Congratulations to Becky Trammell

Chapter Operating Handbook: COH was updated and adopted by the executive board.

Scavenger Hunt: Laura Gillis introduced the chapter scavenger hunt, which is a program to get members out into the RPC area and introduce/recruit new people to the chapter. Laura explained how the passport worked with each activity having a point value. Whoever with the most points at the end of the year receives a prize.

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee: Per the state, our chapter needs a DEI committee to help the organization (local and state-wide) to be more inclusive and recruit members from all backgrounds. Lynn Seman volunteered to chair the committee. The volunteers are Lisa Taylor, Dana Cobb, Penny Miller, Alex Nelson, Linda Price, Tiffany Herring, and Joy Parsons. The group will meet in February and again in June.

Donation Form: A donation request form was introduced to the chapter. This will enable members to suggest/request that we donate to organizations that are within our chapter's mission.

RPC 20th Anniversary: this year is our chapter's 20th anniversary.

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. We need volunteers for the booth and for the hikes. H&G show hikes are scheduled for 11 am Saturday, 3 pm Saturday, and 1 pm Sunday. Volunteers are needed to assist with the hike. Email Laura or the chapter email account. Booth volunteers need a ticket for entry.

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

Volunteer and Advanced Training Hours: Record all hours ASAP. Check the chapter calendar for upcoming opportunities.

Check Chapter Calendar for new training and volunteer opportunities.

Backyard Bird Count: The Backyard Bird Count is February 18-22.

Hikes: Alex Nelson reported 6 attendees for the last hike (despite inclement weather). Monthly hikes are planned through July.

Training Class: The spring training class schedule is set. Classes will meet from March 3 through June 30.

Partner Updates & Reports

River Bend Nature Center–Field guides are needed; contact RBNC for more info.

Midwestern State University

Whiteside Museum– The museum is ready for volunteers.

Comanche Springs

Lake Arrowhead State Park

Copper Breaks State Park

Wild Bird Rescue

Volunteer/Advanced training for this meeting:

.75 hrs for presentation

.75 hrs for chapter administration

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
DeAnna Bullock
Secretary

Next meeting: March 1, 2022, MSU Bolin Science Hall or on Zoom. Richard Brown, astronomer for 3Rivers, will be presenting. An alternate program is the Quail Study report with Larry Snyder.