



## TMN-COT GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, June 10, 2020, 9:02 a.m. – 10:21 a.m.

Via Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service’s Microsoft Teams Meeting license

**Bill Ahlstrom, President**, called the meeting to order and briefly displayed the Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service “Return to Service Guidelines [See <https://txmn.tamu.edu/>].”

**Attendance**—Approximately 63 members joined the virtual meeting and one guest (Crystal Andablo, AgriLIFE).

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Volunteer Hours and Awards**—**John Boettiger**, Membership Director, presented the following data through May 31. He indicated that approximately 35% of membership has recertified to date.

Impact Data	# Adults	# Youth	Total
<b>YTD Totals—May 31</b>	1628	5340	6968

Period	VT Hours	AT Hours
<b>YTD Totals—May 31</b>	5592	1003

Recertification 2020	2,500 Hours	15,000 Hours
Mickey Dufilho Debbie Nance Jim Nance Carolyn May-Monie	John Boettiger	Phil Huxford

**Ideas for Volunteer Service**—**Oron Atkins**, Volunteer Service Director, presented several opportunities. [See also <https://txmn.tamu.edu/news/>].

- **Bobcat Woods Trail at SBNWR**—Trail replacement is complete, but some miscellaneous activities remain but are on hold until refuge personnel return; Oron will post
- **GCBO—Grass mowing** with zero turn mower (must be trained); contact Martin Hagne or Oron
- **GCBO—Native plant propagation** area; contact Chris Kneupper
- **Brazos Bend—Tallow tree removal**
- **Nurdle Patrol**—see [nurdlepatrol.org](http://nurdlepatrol.org) website
- **Trash Collection beaches/elsewhere** (under Ocean Conservancy umbrella)—must collect data (for the OC TIDES database <https://www.coastalcleanupdata.org/>) via free mobile app from Apple Store / Google Play (Clear Swell) or paper form to get VT hours; Oron is working on details and board will approve prior to rollout.

**COT “Take Over” of State TMN Social Media**—**Kathy Pittman**, Class of 2019 Representative, explained the State office’s program whereby a chapter takes over TMN’s social media for a week to highlight chapter activities. We plan to participate in July or August and content input is needed from members.



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**Fall New Intern Training Class—Mary Schwartz**, New Class Director, provided information on plans for the fall class:

- Class begins Wednesday, August 26
- Classroom sessions are currently planned as virtual due to COVID-19
- Field trips will still occur in the field
- On-line registration is available now

**Nature Notes—Ed Barrios** spoke on “Murder Hornets.”

**Speaker—Mike Lange** spoke on “Habitat Conservation in the Columbia Bottomlands.”

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m. Time codes allocated for the presentations and general meeting were:

- Presentations Code: "AT: I Received Training," .75 hour
- Chapter Business Meetings Code: "CB: Chapter Meetings and Admin," 1 hour.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Ladd Myers, Secretary, TMN-COT

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