



TMN-COT GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, March 11, 2020, 9:00 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.

Texas AgriLIFE Extension Building, 21017 CR 171 Angleton, Texas

Mickey Dufilho, Vice President, called the meeting to order and reminded attendees to sign in and silence their phones.

Attendance—70 members were in attendance and no guests.

Chapter Advisor and Texas AgriLIFE Extension Agent—**John O’Connell** provided information and advice about the COVID-19 virus.

Host’s Report—**On behalf of Rose Wagner, Mickey Dufilho** thanked this month’s snack team: Jim Calvert, Jane Eppner, Jerry Eppner, Mike Hampy, Pam Peltier, and Kim Richardson.

Treasurer’s Report—Don Sabathier presented the February 2020 financial information, below. Don reminded members to pay 2020 dues and check whether any organization they are affiliated with offer matching funds for volunteer hours.

1 February – 29 February 2019, COT Treasurer Report

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| <u>Beginning Balance</u> | \$ 10,328.68 |
| Revenue Summary | \$ 723.10 ¹ |
| Expense Summary | (\$ 208.25) ² |
| <u>Ending Balance</u> | \$ 10,843.53 |

¹ \$500 from matching corporate grant

² Expenses primarily for Bonus AT Day and member t-shirts.

Outreach—**On behalf of Ruby Lewis, Mickey Dufilho** displayed the following opportunities:

- **Brazoria NW Refuge/FOBWR Open House**—Daily through March 15, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **Epiphany Church Fair, Pearland**—March 28
- **Ecology Day at Brazoria Museum of Natural Science**—March 28 or April 25
- **Texas Wildlife Day at Rice University**—March 29, 12:00 p.m. to ?
- **Migration Celebration**—April 17 (kickoff dinner) and event (April 25 and 26)
- **Camp Wild at Galveston State Park**—June 1 through 5
- **GCB0 Bird Camp**—June 8 through 12
- **Nature Camp at Camp Mohawk County Park**—June 15 through 18
- **Brazoria County Library System, COT Summer Reptile Program**—June (33 programs)
- **Brazoria County Library System, COT Wild in the City Program**—July (11 programs)
- **Nature Camp at Quintana Beach County Park**—July 13 through 16



Volunteer Project, Public Outreach, and Activity Request Review—Oron Atkins shared the following, upcoming projects, outreach and/or status updates via a PowerPoint slide. See detailed and updated information at <http://tmn-cot.org/Calendar/Calendar.html>.

- **TCWP at GCBO Work Day**—March 19, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; contact Chris Kneupper
- **GCBO Native Plant Workday**—Every Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; contact Chris Kneupper
- **Pearland Natural Resources Work Day**—Second Thursday this month; contact Cullen Ondracek
- **BCPD Trail Day**—Third Thursday each month, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.; contact Mike Mullenweg
- **Bobcat Woods Trail**—TBD; see Calendar or Oron Atkins
- **GCBO Brew on the Bayou (fundraiser, VT NOT approved)**—March 21, 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; contact Celeste Silling
- **DEEP at BNWR**—March 24, 26, 31, 8:30 a.m. to ~1:30 p.m.
- **GCBO Spring Fling at Quintana Neotropical Bird Sanctuary**—Daily April 4 through May 6, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; contact Regina Tippet
- **Migration Celebration Nature Photo Contest**—Deadline March 20; Contact Kim Richardson

Migration Celebration (MC)—FOBWR Vice President and Migration Celebration Chairperson Ed Barrios reminded members of the Nature Photo Contest deadline, March 20. He added that the Migration Celebration has not yet been cancelled and said that one reason for holding the event was to ensure that future generations gained an interest in nature and preserving our refuges. Ed also said that the monthly FOBWR Refuge Walk would be on March 20 at 8:30 a.m., meeting at the Mid-coast Refuges Offices and then carpooling to the Palm Unit.

Advanced Training—Bob Whitmarsh presented several new opportunities, which are posted on the Calendar. Highlights include:

- **Webinar: Rosalie Edge, Hawk Conservationist**—March 18
- **Galveston Bay Foundation Annual Meeting: Dr. Jack Davis speaking on his Pulitzer Prize winning book, *The Gulf, The Making of a Great American Sea***—March 24
- **Native Prairie Plants and Milkweed Propagation Workshop**—March 29
- **Urban Riparian and Stream Re-Restoration Project**—April 1
- **Programs at other chapters: Coastal Prairie Chapter, “Backyard Astrophotography without a Telescope”; Galveston Bay Area Chapter, “Red Wolf Hybrids on Galveston Island”**—both, April 2

Membership Data—Dave Brandes, Data Manager, presented the following data for January. He noted that there was a large increase in the numbers over January 2019:

| Impact Data | # Adults | # Youth | Total |
|------------------------|----------|---------|-------|
| YTD Totals—February 29 | 987 | 1,431 | 2,418 |

| Period | VT Hours | AT Hours | # of Volunteers |
|------------------------|----------|----------|-----------------|
| YTD Totals—February 29 | 2,985 | 712 | 93 |



Membership Milestones—John Boettiger presented the following membership milestone awards. He reminded members of the importance of entering all hours past the minimum recertification requirements.

| Recertification 2020 | | 2500 VT Hours |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Susan Falcone-Potts | Kathleen Purvis | John Boettiger |
| Phil Huxford | Kim Richardson | |
| Kathy Pittman | Don Sabathier | |
| Barbara Yoder | | |
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State Representative—Connie Stolte reminded members that they must sign up individually for the TMN State website listserve.

Chapter Adviser—John O’Connell thanked recent Water Fair volunteers. John announced the upcoming Riparian Bullseye Assessment training on June 20. It is free; limit of 25 attendees (21 spots still open); he has a 12-passenger van for those who want to travel the night before (see John if interested). This training is also being offered at the October State Meeting; additionally, we could arrange for training at COT.

Additionally, John reminded members that the spring New Member Training class is starting on March 19; more interns are needed. Class is on Thursdays at 6 p.m. at AgriLIFE and field experience is on Saturdays at 9 a.m.

Class of 2020 Representative—Kathy Pittman provided information on an initiative to help new members get to know other chapter members—a brief spotlight on one or a few members each month for publication in the newsletter and on Facebook.

Nature Notes—Kristine Rivers spoke on “Invasion of the Apple Snails.”

Mickey announced a 10-minute break.

Speaker—Barbara Burkhardt spoke on “Gardening for Habitat.”

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m. Time codes allocated for the presentations and general meeting were:

- Presentations Code: "AT: I Received Training," 1.25 hour
- Chapter Business Meetings Code: "CB: Chapter Meetings and Admin," 1 hour + travel time.

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

Attachment: Attendance sign-in sheets

Cc: Board Members
 Crystal Andablo, AgriLIFE Secretary, Crystal.Andablo@ag.tamu.edu



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Attendance List

Cradle of Texas Master Naturalist

March General Meeting

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| Name | Name |
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| 1 Don Sapatier | 16 Mickey Dupilho |
| 2 Michael Lassetter | 17 Barbara Yoder |
| 3 Ellen Lassetter | 18 Janet Jackson-Ellis |
| 4 Barbara Schubert | 19 Larry Ellis |
| 5 Mike Blaney | 20 Jerry Eppner |
| 6 MIKE BETTORT | 21 SANG SPUR |
| 7 LARRY PETERSON | 22 Neal McLain |
| 8 John P. O'Connell | 23 Orin Atkins |
| 9 Kathy Purvis | 24 Janet Townsend |
| 10 Kyle Purvis | 25 Brian Brant |
| 11 Jo Myers | 26 Barbara Brangere |
| 12 Harro Myers | 27 Elaine Cicus |
| 13 Anna King | 28 Debbie Nance |
| 14 Phil Heyford | 29 Jim Vance |
| 15 Regina Tippet | 30 Phyllis Serdes |

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| Name | Name |
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| 31 John Boetiger | 46 Mel McKay |
| 32 Jackie Hicks | 47 Patty Bankney |
| 33 Karen Decker | 48 John Minkert |
| 34 DWIGHT STEFFER | 49 Kathy Pittman |
| 35 Andy Seitz | 50 Cindy Vincent |
| 36 Jin Calvert | 51 Dennis Jones |
| 37 Pam Pelber | 52 Cypelynn Grigson |
| 38 Jerry Krampeter | 53 Louis Galiste |
| 39 Lyndal Salinas | 54 Sheryl Jones |
| 40 Jimmy Salinas | 55 ANNE PRATT |
| 41 CHIB SWEET | 56 LARRY TRUHR |
| 42 CATHY SWEET | 57 Sandy Henders |
| 43 Brenda Martin | 58 R Salzer |
| 44 Pam West | 59 Roy Morgan |
| 45 May Haller | 60 Kristine Voss |

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| 61 Cynthia Grandgen | 76 |
| 62 George La Morenca | 77 |
| 63 Madin Deenwood | 78 |
| 64 Joel Cobb | 79 |
| 65 Mike Mullenweg | 80 |
| 66 Beth Reeves | 81 |
| 67 Marilyn Israel | 82 |
| 68 Lisa Myers | 83 |
| 69 Georgia Monnerget | 84 |
| 70 Dick Whitthausen | 85 |
| 71 | 86 |