



Meeting or Bonus AT Day; 3) invite her to the November Board Meeting		
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Treasurer’s Report—Don Sabathier presented the November 2020 financial information, below. He pointed out the notes in the report. Don will begin collecting 2021 dues in January.

November 1-30, 2020, COT Treasurer Report

<u>Beginning Balance</u>	\$ 11,762.30
Revenue Summary	\$ 68.12
Expense Summary	(\$ 1,768.34) ¹
<u>Ending Balance</u>	\$ 10,062.08

¹ Replenish intern-training materials and related expenses.

Trail Maintenance NPA for Texas Mid-coast National Wildlife Refuge Complex—Oron would like to set up a monthly trail (and other) maintenance day and perhaps bi-annual pressure washing as a volunteer opportunity.

BOARD REPORTS and OTHER TOPICS

General Meeting Programs—Mickey provided the following status on upcoming general-meeting speakers:

- **December**—Class of 2020 New Class Project Presentations
- **January** (added later via email)—Wizzie Brown, Extension Program Specialist, Texas A&M AgriLIFE, speaking on “Bed Bug Biology and Management”; Nature Note TBD.
- **February**—TBD
- **March**—Melanie Hollenshead, introducing her project, “Survey of the Spiders of Brazoria County”; Nature Note TBD

Membership—Data Manager Dave Brandes sent the following November impact and awards data for inclusion in the minutes. Connie Stolte said that members who have not recertified need to be notified that they can still be members (if they pay dues), but not certified (voting) members [see New Action Item].

Impact Data	# Adults	# Youth	Total
YTD Totals—November 30	2,8418	6,524	8,942
November 30-31	76	97	173

Period	VT Hours	AT Hours
YTD Totals—November 30	10,502	1,916
November 1-30	685	80

2020 Recertification		250 VT Hours Milestone
Jerry Eppner Ed Barrios	Sherry Summers Chris Kneupper	Luanne Salinas Kyle Purvis

Training Director—On behalf of Mary Schwartz, Kathy Pittman said that intern presentations are scheduled for the December General Meeting. Mary would like confirmation on whether to continue plans for a spring training class, given the difficulty of holding field trips. Kristine suggested that we try for a 2022 spring class. Bill said that there is an upcoming President’s Meeting, and he will find out what other chapters are doing [see New Action Item Register].

Volunteer Service Director—Oron Atkins noted the following opportunities:

- **Survey of the Spiders of Southern Brazoria County**—Contact Melanie Hollinshead (will begin sometime in January or February)
- **Hudson Woods Apple Snail Removal via Kayak**—two trips weekly; contact Thomas Adams, thomas_p_adams@fws.gov
- **TCWP at GCBO Workday**—December 17, 9a to 12p; contact Chris Kneupper
- **GCBO Native Plant Workday**—every Thursday until further notice; 8:30a to 11:30a; contact Chris Kneupper
- **BCPD Trail Day**—third Thursday of the month; 8a to 12p; contact Mike Mullenweg
- **Nurdle Beach Patrol**—self directed
- **Trash Collection/Analysis Project**—self-directed and December 12, 9a to 12p at Quintana Beach County Park’s fishing pier; contact Jimmy or Luanne Salinas
- **Christmas Bird Counts**—At least seven local counts between December 14 and January 5.

Oron asked whether we can hold *any* outdoor volunteer opportunities given the current AgriLIFE Covid 19 guidelines. John O’Connell will get clarification from his supervisor.

Communications Director—Larry Peterson indicated that he had posted to the webpage the EcoFund information and application. He also set up three links for: annual dues (will be active in January), intern fees, and donations (the donations link is now active). The reason we do not have a redirect from the old page to the new page is because archive files need to be accessible via the old page. Larry added that the response time from AgriLIFE tech support has been slow lately.

Chapter Advisor—John O’Connell has a video camera available for check out. He has asked Jimmy and Luanne Salinas to record an AT session on the beach clean-up project. He is also exploring ways to provide outreach to schools. Ruby Lewis said that Friends of Brazoria Wildlife Refuges is also working on that and she will report back to the COT board.

Cradle of Texas Board Action Register				
Open Action Item	Who?	Due Date?	Complete/Ongoing	Comments
Ask local libraries if	Ruby Lewis	October	Tabled	To share information with the public and for COT PR purposes



<p>they are interested in showing the displays prepared for the Bonus AT Day</p>				<p>March: No update (Ruby absent) April: Ruby contacted the library system and they would like to display them at libraries that have space starting in August. Ruby will coordinate a schedule and transport by a TMN member June: Ruby said libraries said fall would be best; they need a container to hold the presentation boards for transport between libraries or we can transport; Ruby will work out details in September Sept: no update Oct, Nov: Ruby not present Dec: Ruby not present Feb 2020: No action; Ruby will follow up Apr: Not discussed; libraries are closed May: Libraries still closed Jun/Jul/Aug: Libraries opened for limited hours/access; too soon for the displays</p>
<p>Review and update partners webpage (see below also)</p>	<p>Oron Atkins</p>	<p>ASAP</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Sept: Oron has updated and will provide Neal with information to post on website Oct: Oron working to finalize changes Nov: Oron said that there will likely be 6 partners: USFWS Texas Mid-Coast Refuge Complex; GCBO; arts center complex at Brazosport College; Brazoria County Library System; Brazos Bend State Park; Brazoria County Parks Department Dave expressed concern that these relationships should be reciprocal Dec: Agreements being worked on Feb 2020: Agreements being worked on Apr: Agreements being worked on May: No update; Bill said Angleton Parks & Recreation Department wants to be a VPAR Jun/Jul/Aug/Sep/Oct/Nov/Dec: No update</p>
<p>Update VPAR agreements</p>	<p>Oron Aktins</p>	<p>ASAP</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Sept: We have 16 partners; some paperwork is missing; Peggy Romfh checking to see if there is VT logged or not; the board agreed that agreements will be auto-renew with a 30-day cancellation clause and agreement contact information will be updated every two years Oct: Oron working with Pete and Peggy; there was some discussion about putting the planetarium and museum under one VPAR Nov: Oron is working to finalize Dec: Oron continuing to work on Feb 2020: Oron spoke with the Center for Arts and Sciences, which is in the process of consolidating all its entities; Oron will coordinate a meeting with them to discuss our relationship Apr: Oron is working to finalize May: Bill said Angleton Parks and Recreation Department (APRD) is applying to be a new partner Jun: Bill said that APRD is requesting changes to its VPAR that Bill will send to the board; Oron will follow up Jul: Bill said APRD will respond on/about August 1 Aug: No update; Larry asked whether we should pursue a partnership agreement with Flo Hannah Prairie, but this is covered as it will be managed by our VPAR with TPWD NWRs Sep: Bill has been contacted by City of Angleton attorney; he is to meet with him about Angleton Parks and Recreation Dept Oct/Nov/Dec: no update</p>



Executive Committee to meet and draft wording for harassment and accommodations for disability policies	Kristine Rivers		Ongoing	State suggested that chapters provide a “welcoming atmosphere”; Peggy Romfh requested that accommodations for impairments be included Feb 2020: The Executive Board has not yet met Apr: Not discussed May: Connie has collected some wording; John O’Connell will provide the 4H volunteer policy Jun/Jul/Aug/Sep/Oct/Nov/Dec: No update; Paul Cason will provide Sea Center Texas’ policy (received)
Hold a brief training session on entering hours in VMS via Smart Phone	?	TBD	Tabled	To facilitate the capture of more volunteer hours Apr: Not discussed May: No update Jun: Tabled pending in-person general meetings Aug: Bill says there are two sessions on this at State Annual Meeting
Annual Chapter Financial Audit at AgriLIFE, Angleton	Don Sabathier, Mickey Dufilho (chair), Lisa Myers, Paul Cason, Kathy Pittman	10-10:30a 4 Dec 2020		Mandated by TMN State Dec: Don will set up the books for committee to view one at a time for safety’s sake
Form Exploratory Committee for Bonus AT Day 2021	Bob Whitmarsh, Kristine Rivers, Rose Wagner, Lisa Myers, John O’Connell			Nov: Bob will contact committee members Dec: Committee has met once; tentatively decided on Jan. 30 date; possibly virtual field trips on Jan 31; contacting potential speakers; will have virtual registration
End of year virtual election slate and protocols need to be developed	Past President Kristine Rivers, nominating committee, John O’Connell	9 Dec General Meeting		Per Sep 28 Presidents’ Meeting Dec: VP role is still open; Kathy Pittman said she will run; we have missed the 15-day advance notice of ballot to the membership; John O’Connell has Quatrix software for electronic voting; Bill will send out the slate today, take nominations from the floor at the Dec 9 general meeting and then Bill will compose ballot message and John will set up in Quatrix for member vote electronically via email no later than Dec 16
Kristine will update the EcoFund Grant information, and Larry will post it on the web. At the November General Meeting, Kristine will announce the 2021 EcoFund Grant, with applications due by January 13	Kristine Rivers			Committee includes Kristine, Don, Oron, Lisa Dec: Posted and announced; no applications received to date
NEW Action Item(s) Added at December Meeting	Who?	Due date?	Comments	
Perform line-by-line 2021 budget review at January board meeting	Don Sabathier	Jan 6	Board to review and vote to accept	
Contact members who have not yet certified or not entered any hours in VMS with guidelines for membership, active membership and certified	Connie Stolte	Before Dec 9	Numerous members have not yet certified; some have entered no hours for 2020	



membership, and encourage them to enter all hours to date for 2020			
Leave 2020 recertification and milestone pins at AgriLIFE for pickup by members	John Boettiger, John O'Connell	ASAP	To be announced at December General Meeting
Decide whether to hold a spring, new member training class	Mary Schwartz; Board guidance	ASAP	Given the difficulty of holding in-person field trips; Bill will see what other chapters are doing

President: Bill Ahlstrom adjourned the Board Meeting at 11:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Ladd Myers, Secretary

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Attendance 2020	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Elected Board Members													
Bill Ahlstrom	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	10/11
Mickey Dulilho	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	11/11
Sabathier, Don	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	11/11
Myers, Lisa	X	X		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	10/11
Advisors													
O'Connell, John	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	N	X		X	10/11
Cason, Paul		X		X	X		X	X	O	X		X	7/11
Immediate Past President													
Rivers, Kristine	X	X	X	X	X		X				X	X	8/11
Appointed Board Members													
Atkins, Oron	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	M	X	X	X	10/11
Boettiger, John	X		X	X	X	X		X	E		X	X	8/11
Lewis, Ruby		X		X	X	X	X	X	E		X	X	8/11
Peterson, Larry	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	T	X	X	X	11/11
Pittman, Kathy		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	I	X	X	X	10/11
Schwartz, Mary	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	N	Exc	Exc	Exc	8/11
Stolte, Connie	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	G	X	X	X	10/11
Wagner, Rose		X			X	X	X	X		X	X	X	8/11
Whitmarsh, Bob	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	11/11
Guests													
McLain, Neal	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						7
Lewis, Laina						X							1
Andalbo, Crystal											X		1