



**TMN-COT GENERAL MEETING**  
**Wednesday, June 9, 2021, 9:00 a.m. – 11:26 a.m.**  
**via Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service’s Microsoft Teams Meeting license**

**Mickey Dufilho, President**, called the meeting to order.

**Attendance**—Approximately 56 members and no guests joined the virtual meeting.

**Format of the Meeting**—**Mickey Dufilho** reviewed the following reminders to attendees:

- Turn off microphone and turn off video to save on bandwidth
- The meeting will be recorded
- How to ask a question using the chat box
- The chat room will be monitored; hold questions until the end of each presentation.

**Volunteer Hours and recertifications**—**John Boettiger**, Membership Director, announced the following data for May, as provided by Dave Brandes. John reminded members to pick up their pins at the AgriLIFE office in Angleton or Sea Center Texas in Lake Jackson and added that he hopes to have received back-ordered pins before the July General Meeting.

Impact Data	# Adults	# Youth	Total
<b>YTD Totals—May 31</b>	2108	4614	6722

Period	VT Hours	AT Hours
<b>YTD Totals—May 31*</b>	5357	1117

\* May only: 865 VT and 82 AT Hours

2021 Recertifications		250 Hours Milestone*	500 Hours Milestone*	1000 Hours Milestone*
Marty Cornell	Kim Richardson	Rose Wagner Barbara Yoder	Debbie Nance	Regina Tippett
Angela Griffin	Andy Smith			
Brenda Martin	Janet Townsend			
Georgia Monnerat	Rose Wagner			
Kathleen Purvis	Barbara Yoder			
Kyle Purvis				

\*These are April milestones (accidentally re-reported); no new May milestones.

**Nature Note**—**Lisa Myers**, COT Member, spoke on “Celebrating Historic Whooping Crane Nests in Texas.”

**FEATURED SPEAKER**—**John O’Connell**, Extension Agent, spoke on “Texas Water Law,” and **Dana Morisse-Arnold**, Master Gardener, spoke on “Rainwater Harvesting.”

Kathy Pittman indicated that she will be sending an email to gauge interest in holding a COT-only rain barrel, water-collection workshop.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**President's Update—Mickey Dufilho** shared the following:

- **COT July Meeting Update:** Based on the survey, most but not all members are ready for an in-person meeting; in-person attendance will be limited to 50 people to allow for social distancing. Members will receive an Eventbrite invitation for in-person registration. To attend virtually, you will receive a meeting link on Monday, July 12. Bring your own beverage and snack to the in-person meeting.
- **COT 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration—Rose Wagner** informed members of plans so far:
  - December 8 at around lunchtime at the 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church in Angleton
  - Catered lunch (free) for members; charge for guests of members
  - Adopt-a-Table contest to create centerpieces; prize for winner
  - Commemorative t-shirt will be available on-line for purchase
  - We need photos for a slide show at the celebration—especially from the early years
- **#TMNTuesdays** presented by the State Office on the second Tuesday of each month at 12 p.m. Can count as AT time if attending live or listening afterwards. Link for each month is on the State TMN website under #TMNTuesdays
- **Be the Change initiative by Texas Parks and Wildlife:** Exploring diversity, equity and inclusion opportunities in our natural resource and conservation community. June 15, 12 p.m. CST, is the next installment. Ronnie McDonald will speak on “Don’t Count Me Out: Managing Relationships, Diversity and Inclusion.” More information will be sent via the State email listserve and at <https://txmn.tamu.edu/bethechange/#june>. You must register in advance, and attendance counts as AT; **Kristine Rivers** is our chapter’s committee chair
- **TMN 2021 Annual Meeting:** October 21-24 will be a hybrid event with both live (at Dallas/Fort Worth Airport Marriott) and virtual formats
- **Virtual Plant Party:** June 23, 10-11:30 a.m.; subject is invasives; must register via State TMN website

**Outreach Director—Ruby Lewis** reported on the following upcoming events:

- **BC Library System videos in lieu of in-person summer programs—**on-line via BCLS website
- **BCPD Quintana Beach Nature Camp—**June 21-24, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; contact Mike Mullenweg
- **Summerfest** in Pearland—July 3; we are presenting birds and reptiles
- **Kids’ Kollege @ Brazosport College—**July 12-16, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., 6-8-year-olds; July 19-23, 9-12-year-olds, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- **Brazos Mall** event—August (date TBD)
- **GCBO Xtreme Hummingbird Xtravaganza—**September 18 and 25 (we will have two booths; need volunteers)
- **Brazoria County Bird Bash** (Northside Elementary School, Angleton)—October 9
- **Friends of Brazoria Wildlife Refuges Open Houses:**
  - September 11 at Hudson Woods Unit of SBNWR
  - October 9 at Cannan Bend Recreation Center
  - November 13 at SBNWR Bobcat Woods Trail
  - December 26 through January 1 at Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge



Contact Ruby Lewis for more information [rbylewis77515@ymail.com](mailto:rbylewis77515@ymail.com) or 979-583-7903.

**VT Opportunities—Oron Atkins** provided the following opportunities.

- **TCWP at GCBO Workday**—June 17 (third Thursdays), 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; contact Chris Kneupper; volunteers knowledgeable with the work there are welcome any time GCBO gate is open
- **Trash Collection/Disposal Analysis Project**—self-directed
- **Nurdle Beach Patrol**—self-directed; contact Jace Turnell
- **Brazoria County Comprehensive Spider Survey**—self-directed; contact Melanie Hollenshead
- **Beach Sweep Trash Collection/Disposal Analysis Project**—Usually first Tuesday monthly (see Calendar); contact Jimmy and Luanne Salinas
- **Adopt-a-Loop for TMN**—self-directed; contact Deb Nance
- **Apple Snail Removal at Hudson Woods**—Contact is David Heinicke, but contact Oron first if interested
- **Sea Turtle Patrol**—Contact Roland Davis
- **Exploration Green Nursery, Volunteer Workdays**—June 12, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (must RSVP at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/exploration-green-phase-2-planting-event-tickets-156553115583>; contact Christie Taylor.
- **Pollinator Citizen Science Project 2021**—(training/testing required); self-directed; <https://txmg.org/bluebonnet/pollinator-citizen-science-project-opens-again-march-22-2021/#:~:text=The%20purpose%20of%20the%20project,USA%2C%20namely%20Texas%20and%20Oklahoma>

**Communications Director—Larry Peterson** encouraged members to utilize the chapter website <https://txmn.org/tmncot> and state website <https://txmn.tamu.edu> to stay informed.

**Treasurer’s Report—Don Sabathier** presented the May financial statement.

**1-31 May 2021, COT Treasurer Report**

<b><u>Beginning Balance</u></b>	\$ 12,119.87
Revenue Summary	\$ 48.92
Expense Summary	\$ 0.00
<b><u>Ending Balance</u></b>	\$ 12,168.79

**President: Mickey Dufilho** adjourned the General Meeting at 11:26 a.m. Time codes allocated were:

- Presentation Code “AT: I Received Training,” **2 hours**
- Chapter Business Meetings Code “CB: Chapter Meetings and Admin,” **0.5 hour.**

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

Cc: Board Members  
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