

Texas Master Naturalist Cradle of Texas Chapter  
November 9, 2022 General Membership Meeting Minutes  
Location: Texas AgriLife Office, Angleton, Texas

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by President Kathy Pittman

**Welcome, Recognize visitors**

Visitor CT Hu and Judy James  
Interns in attendance- Matthew Joseph and Brigid Burke

**Volunteer hours, Certifications and Milestones - John Boettiger**

Recertifications for October

Mike Hampy  
Pat Jeffreys  
Sherri Mattheson  
Robert Salzer  
Connie Stolte

**Impact Data – through October 2022**

**VT Hours**

Month - 1,042  
YTD 10,825

**AT Hours**

Month 313  
YTD 1,689

**Impact data**

Adults

Month- 1,327  
YTD 8,389

Youth

Month 1,031  
YTD 22,265

Total

Month 2,358  
YTD 30,654

**Intern Class Graduation** will be THIS SATURDAY NOV 12th 1 pm at the AgriLife office. All members are encouraged to attend. Two class projects will be presented by the interns.

**Nature Note** – presented by Marty Cornell, “What Make Birds of a Feather?”

### **Break**

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### **Financial Report October 2022**– Don Sabathier

Beginning Balance  
\$12,503.81  
Revenues  
323.79  
Expenses 2,145.56  
Ending Balance  
\$10,682.04

### **December Ratification of Update State Documents** - Connie Stolte

The chapter will be voting to approve amendments to the Chapter Bylaws at the December General Membership meeting. More information will be emailed to all Members.

### **Proposed Slate of Officers 2023 Report** – Kathy Pittman

President - Kathy Pittman  
Vice President – Jimmy & Luanne Salinas  
Treasurer – Don Sabathier  
Secretary – Open  
Election of Officers will take place at the December General meeting. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the meeting or contact Mickey Dufilho before the meeting.  
Many thanks to Mickey who chaired the Nominating Committee.  
AT Presentation – Kristine Rivers, “Birds’ Eye View on Behavior”

### **Outreach Reports-** Ruby Lewis

Ruby Lewis thanked all outreach volunteers for their efforts. Volunteers interacted with more than 3000 people.

Upcoming outreach opportunities

DEEP Sessions --Contact Ed Barrios  
Refuge Saturday – Bobcat Woods – Nov 19  
Holiday in the Park – Brazos Bend State Park – Dec 10  
BNWR Open House – Dec 26th – Jan 1st

### **Volunteer Opportunities- Oron**

There will be upcoming boardwalk maintenance and new construction opportunities. If any member is interested in assisting please contact Oron. Other volunteer opportunities are listed on the chapter calendar on the website. Ed Barrios also reported that DEEP volunteers are still needed.

### **Hog Wild – December Year end Celebration- Ed Barrios**

The 17<sup>th</sup> annual Hog Wild Feast (Pot Luck) will be held at the home of Ed Barrios (325 Timbercreek, Lake Jackson) on December 14 after the general membership meeting. Details will be emailed to the membership.

### **Upcoming Dates for Friends of Brazoria Wildlife Refuge event**

Migration Celebration April 29-30, 2023

Weekend before is the Migration Celebration Kick Off Dinner Fundraiser

### **Whooping Crane Trip – February 15th, 2023- Tom Morris**

Aransas NWR - Rockport/Fulton area

Cost - \$85 pp ( 30 passengers, limit is 32)

Time – Approximate – 8:30 am to 1 pm

Reserve your seat! Spouses/friends welcome.

Contact info : Tom Morris - 979-297-4678 or tmorris44@comcast.net

Send your check made out to Tom Morris

to confirm your reservation:

Tom Morris

321 Linden Ln

Lake Jackson, TX 77566

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Meeting AT Hours 1.25 Hours

Meeting VT hours--0.75 Hour

Kathy Pittman Adjourned at 9:00 pm