

**Texas Master Naturalists
Cradle of Texas Chapter**

General Meeting Minutes, Wednesday December 14th, 2022 10 AM

Agenda

- ▶ **Welcome, Recognize visitors**
- ▶ **Volunteer hours, Recertifications and Milestones** **John**
- ▶ **Intern Class** **Mary**
- ▶ **Public Outreach Opportunities** **Ruby**
- ▶ **Volunteer Opportunities – Construction needs** **Kathy**
- ▶ **AT Presentation –** **Melanie Hollenshead**
 “The Karankawa Native People”
- ▶ **Break**
- ▶ **Reports/Announcements**
 - ▶ **Financial Report** **Don**
 - ▶ **Board Elections – 2023** **Kathy**
 - ▶ **Vote to Ratify State Bylaws** **Kathy**
 - ▶ **February Whooping Crane Trip** **Tom Morris**
 - ▶ **Final Items** **Kathy**
 - ▶ **Meeting AT and VT hours**
- ▶ **Adjourn**

Recertifications for November - John Boettiger

Jerry Eppner

Lisa Martinez

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Volunteer hours Data – through November 2022

	Month	YTD
▶ VT -	965	12,088
▶ AT -	64	1,838

Impact Data – through November 2022

	Month	YTD
▶ Adults	161	8,550

▶ Youth	367	22,622
▶ Total	518	31,172

Please be sure to get your hours recorded as soon as possible for December!

Fall Intern Class Update – Mary Schwarz

Congratulations to our 2022 Intern Class, and to the following interns who have graduated!

- ▶ Dennis Charleton
- ▶ Harbria Gardener
- ▶ Doryce Stultz

We thank Mary Schwartz for her 4 years as Training Director.

Melanie Hollenshead will be the new Training Director for 2023.

Public Outreach Opportunities – Ruby Lewis

- ▶ **DEEP Sessions are BACK!! Contact Ed Barrios at ed77566@comcast.net and look for dates in the online calendar**
- ▶ **Brazoria NWR Discovery Center Open House – Dec 26th – Jan 2nd, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm**
Please come by 10:30 am. 1st shift is from 10:30 to 1 pm, 2nd shift is from 1 pm to 4 pm

Volunteer Opportunity – Nash Prairie

Susan Conaty needs volunteers to help collect seeds on Nash Prairie

- ▶ Thursday Dec 15th (TOMORROW!) 9 am to noon
- ▶ Near intersection of CR-25 (Cow Creek Rd) and CR-255
- ▶ Search “Nash Prairie Preserve” on Google Maps
- ▶ Or 24112-24658 County Rd 25, Damon, TX 77430
- ▶ or coordinates approx. 29.25335, -95.59665

Date Correction – Beach sweep will be Monday January 9th, not January 2nd.

VT Opportunities – Boardwalk/Construction Projects

Current/Planned Projects

- New ~300 ft boardwalk at Quintana Xeriscape (underway)
- SBNWR Big Tree Trail boardwalk revisions/repairs
- BNWR Auto Tour shelter roof repair/replacement
- Hudson Woods camera blind removal/deck repair at Smith Lake

What to expect? – it will be hot, cold, wet & muddy, FUN!!!

If interested, send Oron an email, or text and he will add you to our communications distribution:

oronatkins@Comcast.net 979-236-2067

Today’s AT Presentation - “The Karankawa Native People” - Melanie Hollenshead

Additional resources – provided by members in attendance

Brazoria Library, Rosenberg Museum in Galveston, Lake Jackson Historical Museum (by the library), Brazosport Museum of Natural Science has an extensive pottery collection.

Break – 10 minutes

Financial Report – Don Sabathier

Nov 2022

Beginning Balance	\$10,682.23
Revenues	2,041.30
Expenses	<u>4,959.77</u>
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 7,763.79</u>

Both revenues and expenditures are overstated, due to errors in bank’s transfer process. All errors were caught and corrected. There were some expenditures for the picnic, a donation for the Birds of Prey program, and expenditures for intern graduation.

Dues will be collected starting in January

Proposed 2023 Slate of Officers

- ▶ President - Kathy Pittman
- ▶ Vice President – Jimmy & Luanne Salinas (they wish to work together in the position)
- ▶ Treasurer – Don Sabathier
- ▶ Secretary – Open – *please volunteer!*

Nominations will be accepted from the floor!

Many thanks to Mickey who chaired the Nominating Committee.

Lorna Witt volunteered to run for Secretary. A motion was made by Amanda Gabehart to nominate Lorna as Chapter Secretary, and seconded by Don Sabathier.

There being no other nominations or changes from the floor, Larry Ruhr made a motion to accept the slate of officers as proposed. Motion was seconded by Melanie Hollenshead.

The motion passed by voice vote (in person and online by “raising of hands”), with no objections from either the floor or online. The elected officers for 2023 will be:

- ▶ President - Kathy Pittman
- ▶ Vice President – Jimmy & Luanne Salinas (they wish to work together in the position)
- ▶ Treasurer – Don Sabathier
- ▶ Secretary – Lorna Witt

Adoption of State Guiding Documents – Kathy Pittman (for Connie Stolte)

- ▶ Chapter By-laws - Vote to ratify

Motion to accept By-laws as presented via email prior to the meeting was made by Dick Schaffhausen, and seconded by Mike Hampy. The motion passed by voice vote (in person and online by “raising of hands”), with no objections from either the floor or online. The By-Laws are accepted.

Other Documents and their status

- ▶ Chapter Management and Operations Protocols (CMOP) – no action needed
- ▶ Chapter Operations Handbook (COH) – Committee will meet in January to review current COH for necessary updates. Target chapter adoption first quarter 2023

Hog Wild Year End Celebration - Ed Barrios

- ▶ TODAY starting at 11 am. Serving starts at 2 pm.
- ▶ Potluck (\$5 donation to defray costs, \$10 for those that would like to have wine with their meal)
- ▶ Ed’s House – 325 Timbercreek, Lake Jackson

Come out and enjoy the afternoon on the bayou ! Please wear your name tags

Whooping Crane Trip – February 15th, 2023

- ▶ Aransas NWR - Rockport/Fulton area
- ▶ Cost - \$85 pp (30 passengers, limit is 32)
- ▶ Time – Approximate – 8:30am 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

There are 20 people signed up so far. Cost is based on 30.

Final items

- ▶ Questions/comments from members?

John O'Connell, Chapter Adviser from Agrilife, thanked the Chapter for their support of the Captain Shiskabob Ag event held in November.

- ▶ Attendance 43 in person and 4 online
- ▶ AT and VT hours - 1 hour AT, .75 VT
- ▶ Adjournment

Next Meeting

Wednesday January 11th, 7 pm

Social time – 30 mins before

Hope to see you here!!!

Notes taken by Karen Ross, and transcribed by Kathy Pittman