

**TMN-COT BOARD MEETING**  
Wednesday, April 5, 2023, 9:06 a.m. – 11:22 a.m.  
at Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service, Angleton TX

9:06 a.m. Call to Order

Kathy

- **Welcome visitors (no Visitors)**

**Attendance—**

Elected Members of Board	Present	Appointed Members of Board/Committees	Present
Kathy Pittman (President)	✓	Mickey Dufilho (Immediate Past President)	✓
Jimmy Salinas (Vice-President/Programs)	V	John Boettiger (Membership Dir.)	✓
Kathy Purvis (Secretary)	✓	Melanie Hollenshead (New Class Dir.)	N
Don Sabathier (Treasurer)	✓	Larry Peterson (Communications Dir.)	✓
		Ruby Lewis (Outreach Dir.)	✓
<b>Chapter Advisor(s)</b>		Kristine Rivers (Advanced Training Dir.)	V
John O'Connell (AgriLIFE Extension)	✓	Oron Atkins (Volunteer Service Dir.)	✓
Jordan Kieffer (TPWD: Sea Center Texas)	V	Connie Stolte (State Rep.)	✓
<b>Guests/Other</b>		Rose Wagner (Chapter Host)	V
Luanne Salinas	N	Kate Harris (Class 2022 Class Rep)	✓
Amanda Gabeheart	✓		
		<b>Quorum</b>	<b>Yes</b>

- **Agenda additions or corrections - None presented**
- **Approve Previous Board Minutes** - The March 2023 Board and General Meeting minutes were sent via email to the Board for review. Minor corrections were made, and the minutes were approved.

**Minutes Approval —**

Motion	Motion to Approve	Motion Seconded	Vote
Approve the March Board minutes	Mickey	Don	Minutes approved with noted corrections by unanimous voice vote of Board members present

## Board Reports

### Presidents Report

**Kathy**

- **Kathy Purvis** – has expressed an interest in taking on the Open Secretary position, as well as taking over responsibility for the newsletter. Mickey made a motion to approve Kathy as Secretary, Don seconded the motion & the motion carried.
- **The next TMN Tuesday will be 4/11.** Wizzie Brown will present "Conservation of insects".
- The March Presidents meeting was Tuesday, 3/28.
  - April is National Volunteer Month. Ideas for volunteer recognition were discussed. Rose will send out a notice to the local papers.
  - The Virtual Volunteer Fair is 5/02 - 03. Information will be sent shortly on how to engage our partner organizations.
  - The Annual Meeting will be held 10/12 - 15 at the McAllen Convention Center. Registration will open in August. Hotel registration is now open, with several hotels available within walking distance or a short drive to the McAllen Convention Center. Saturday sessions will be offsite in a location where attendees will have a better view of the solar eclipse.
  - Please encourage members to participate in the Story-telling Project.
  - Chapters may start using the new 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Logo if they wish.
  - Please publicize State Endowment with members to help grow it.  
<https://masternaturalistendowment.org>

Kathy proposed that the Board will not meet during the month of July unless necessary. Mickey seconded the motion and it carried. The Board will not be scheduled to meet.

### Past President

**Mickey**

No report.

### VP/Programs & Advanced Training

**Jimmy**

#### Upcoming speakers

- April: Jordan Kieffer, Texas Parks & Wildlife Program Specialist at Sea Center Texas – "What Is Interpretation?"
- May: Co-authors Carla J. Dove and Kristine Rivers – Bird Detectives. Join the co-authors as they give insight into the fascinating work of leading ornithologists at the Smithsonian Institution and the Division of Birds at the National Museum of Natural History, introduced in their recently published book, Bird Detectives: Science Sleuths and Their Feathered Friends. Of note, Kristine was recently selected as a "Coastal Champion" by Galveston Monthly Magazine.
- June: Dan O'Reilly, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, National Weather Service – "Should I Go, or Should I Stay?"
- July: Sarah Weller, Senior Manager, International Coastal Cleanup (ICC), Ocean Conservancy

Potential future topic – Shane Bono – Status of Oysters



**Treasurer**

**Don**

### COT TREASURER REPORT

March 2023

<b>BEGINNING</b>	
<b>BALANCE</b>	\$10,917.11
Revenue Summary	924.50
Expense Summary	4.06
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$11,837.74</b>

Don noted challenges with the IRS filing for the Chapter and PayPal access. Dues status, not including the intern class, was reported as 96 paid, with 119 members not considered (inactive/moved/etc.). The Discussion suggested that people who had not paid their dues should be moved to inactive.

**Membership**

**John B**

Initial Certifications	Recertifications	Milestones
	Atkins, Oron	O'Connell, John (1000)
	Brandes, David	Valadez, George (1000)
	Calvert, James	
	Johnson, Lorraine (Rainbo)	
	Kirby, Larry	
	Nance, Debbie	
	Richardson, Kim	
	Schaffhausen, Richard	
	Yoder, Barbara	

### VMS Data

		March	Year to Date
Hours *	VT	1,605	4,196
	AT	205	622
Impact data*	Adults	759	1,042
	Youth	1,039	1,365
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,798</b>	<b>2,407</b>

\* Will not be considered final until mid-May



## State Representative

**Connie**

- All Board members need to sign the Conflict-of-Interest form and if needed, disclose any conflicts.
- The Chapter Operating Handbook committee has completed a draft of the Chapter Operating Handbook (COH), following the State framework provided. Connie has emailed the draft for the Board to review. The Chapter will vote on the revised Chapter Operating Handbook.

There was discussion about revisiting volunteer travel time (11.1.9), noting reasonable time is necessary for volunteer activities and travel. Larry suggested that intern reimbursement guidelines (11.2.5) be posted to the website.

Connie will send the ByLaws out to members not attending the board meeting. Input is due by next Wednesday.

## Training

**Melanie**

Melanie was unable to attend, as she was attending the Plastics Symposium at UH - Clear Lake. She provided notes for her report via e-mail as follows:

- The Interns were not scheduled for any training during the week of Easter.
- I am working to identify an Urban Ecology Speaker. We had Cullen Ondracek scheduled to teach this class in March. He double-booked and we lost our speaker.
- We have upcoming training on:
  - Geology by Randy Bissell (live), 4/13/2023, 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
  - Ichthyology at Sea Center, 4/15/2023, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
  - Weather, Climate, Climate Change by Marty Cornell, 4/17/2023, 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
  - Columbia Bottomlands, 4/22/2023, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
  - Wetlands, 4/27/2023, 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

There will be some schedule changes to move the Graduation Ceremony forward. We have a few people nearly ready to graduate but require a course or two to complete the training.

## Mentor Program

**Kate**

- The Chapter Management and Operations Protocol addresses mentoring programs. Appendix 2 of the COH provides mentoring information. Our chapter has no separate mentoring program, so ours falls under **intern training**.
- Approximately 12 people have shown interest in mentoring and about 15 students have indicated some interest.

## Volunteer Service

**Oron**

Upcoming VT Opportunities – April /May

- **Exploration Green Workday** – every Wed., 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; contact Christie Taylor
- **Trash Collection/Disposal Analysis Project** – self-directed
- **Beach Sweep** – 4/03 & 5/04, 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m., Quintana Jetties; contact Jimmy or Luanne Salinas

- **Nurdle Beach Patrol** – self-directed; contact Jace Turnell
- **Brazoria County Comprehensive Spider Survey** – self-directed; contact Melanie Hollinshead
- **Adopt a Loop for TMN** – self-directed; contact Debbie Nance
- **Boardwalk Maintenance & Construction** – contact Oron Atkins
- **Texas Adopt-A-Beach Spring Clean-up** – 4/22, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; contact Mike Mullenweg

BCPD Trail workdays and Pearland Parks workdays are no longer being scheduled and are dropped from the calendar.

- **Construction projects** - A 16 ft. walk bridge was constructed at Quintana over a drainage area in 6 hours and another walk bridge will be constructed next week. A new trail was made behind the host station, as well. There are other opportunities for painting and repairs, and Dick is the contact.

#### Outreach

**Ruby**

- **Kick-off dinner** at the Lake Jackson Historical Museum - 4/22
- **GCBO Spring Fling** at the Quintana Bird Sanctuary - 4/27 - 30, 5/1 & 5/02, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; contact Celeste at GCBO
- **Migration Celebration** at San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge - 4/29 & 4/03
- **DEEP at BNWR Discovery Center** – 5/09, 5/11, 5/16 & 5/18, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; contact Ed Barrios
- **Virtually Wild**, a state program for third - fifth grades - 5/12
- **Summer Reading Club, BCLS** - 6/05 - 6/08, Camp Mohawk (see attached)

Ruby talked about the Surfside event held on 4/1 and noted six booths were manned by TMNs.

#### Chapter Host

**Rose**

- Plans for volunteer appreciation are underway.

#### Communications

**Larry**

Overview of the full report to be sent to the Board: (see attached)

- **Website** - 1,319 page views for March
  - The "In Memorium" page needs to be updated.
  - People whose biographies are needed for service award recognition will be notified.

#### May AT Day Update

**Kristine**

All speakers are committed and will be a hybrid with about one-half of them virtual. One of the speakers will be a past president of the El Camino de Tejas. She will speak about the Black Indians, lost tribes.

- The Forts Velasco” – Chris Kneupper, Texas Master Naturalist – Cradle of Texas Chapter
- “Commemorating El Camino Real de los Tejas” – Tom Byrd, Past President of El Camino Real de Los Tejas National Historic Trail Association
- “Vernon & Florence Merriam Bailey” – David J. Schmidly, Biologist and Professor, Past President of Texas Tech University and Oklahoma State University
- “Regenerative Ranching in the Native Prairies of Texas” – Casey Wade, President and CEO, Dixon Water Foundation
- “Black Indians: The Lost Culture” – Dr. Lisa Uhler, Professor of Government, Tarrant County College

**Class 2022 Rep.**

**Kate**

No report.

**Chapter Advisors**

**John O, Jordan**

- Attendance was low at the pond series (last class 5/05).
- Water Wednesdays - Aquaponics, 4/19 and Severe Weather, 6/21, with registration through Eventbrite.
- Promote specific projects on the Facebook page.

**New business**

None

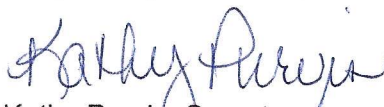
**General Meeting Agenda**

The next meeting will be Wednesday, 4/12 at 9:00 am. Items should be sent to Kathy by SUNDAY EVENING, 4/09, which is Easter.

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, 5/03 at 9:00 a.m.

**President:** Kathy Pittman adjourned the Board Meeting at 11:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Kathy Purvis, Secretary

cc: Board Members  
Crystal Andablo, AgriLIFE Secretary ([Crystal.Andablo@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Crystal.Andablo@ag.tamu.edu))



Attendance 2023	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
<b>Elected Board Members</b>													
Kathy Pittman - President	x	x	x	x									
Jimmy Salinas -VP	x	x	x	V									
Don Sabathier - Treasurer	x	x	x	x									
Kathy Purvis - Secretary				x									
Lorna Witt - Secretary	x	N - resigned											
<b>Advisors</b>													
John O'Connell - AgrLife	x	x	x	x									
Jordan Kieffer - TPWD	x	x	x	V									
<b>Immediate Past President</b>													
Mickey Dufilho	x	x	N	x									
<b>Appointed Board/Committee Members</b>													
Oron Atkins – Volunteer Ops	x	x	x	x									
John Boettiger- Membership	N	x	N	x									
Kate Harris – 2022 Intern Rep	x	N	x	x									
Melanie Hollenshead - Training	x	x	x	N									
Ruby Lewis - Outreach	N	x	N	x									
Larry Peterson - Communications	x	x	x	x									
Kristine Rivers – Advanced Trng	x	x	x	V									
Connie Stolte – State Rep	x	x	x	x									
Rose Wagner, Chapter Host	x	x	x	V									
<b>Guests</b>													
Luanne Salinas	x	x	x										
Amanda Gabeheart		x		x									

**Summer Reading Club 2022**  
**TMN-COT programs at BCLS**  
**Texas Reptiles**

**Camp Mohawk June 5-8**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			June 1 <b>WES 10am, 2 pm</b>	2
5 Not available	6 Not available	7 Not available	8 Not available	9 <b>DAN 10:30</b>
12	13	14 Morning not available	15 <b>FRE 2 pm</b>	16
19	20 <b>ALV 12 &amp; 2 PM</b>	21 <b>LAK 12, 2 &amp; 4pm</b>	22	23
26	27 <b>MAN 12 &amp; 2 PM</b>	28	29 <b>SWE 2 PM</b>	30
July 3	4 <b>CLOSED</b>	5 Morning not available	6	7
10	11 <b>ANG 10 am 2 &amp; 4 pm</b>	12 Morning not available	13 <b>CLU 12 p.m. &amp; 2 p.m.</b>	14
17	18 <b>BRA 12 &amp; 2 PM</b>	19 <b>PEA 12, 2, &amp; 4 PM</b>	20	21
24	25	26 <b>PWS 2:30 p.m. &amp; 4:30 p.m.</b>	27	28

Alvin Library  
 105 South Gordon  
 Alvin, TX 77511  
 (281) 388-4300

Clute Library  
 215 North Shanks  
 Clute, TX 77531  
 (979) 265-4582

Lake Jackson Library  
 250 Circle Way  
 Lake Jackson, TX 77566  
 (979) 415-2590

West Pearland  
 11801 Shadow Creek PWY  
 Pearland, TX 77584  
 (713) 436-0995

Angleton Library  
 401 E Cedar  
 Angleton, TX 77515  
 (979) 864-1519

Danbury Library  
 1702 North Main  
 Danbury, TX 77534  
 (979) 922-1905

Manvel Library  
 20514B Hwy 6  
 Manvel, TX 77578  
 (281) 489-7596

Sweeny Library  
 205 W. Ashley Wilson  
 Sweeny, TX 77480  
 (979) 548-2567

Brazoria Library  
 620 S. Brooks  
 Brazoria, TX 77422  
 (979) 798-2372

Freeport Library  
 410 Brazosport Blvd.  
 Freeport, TX 77541  
 (979) 233-3622

Pearland Library  
 3522 Liberty Drive  
 Pearland, TX 77581  
 (281) 652-1677

West Columbia Library  
 518 E Brazos  
 West Columbia, TX 77486  
 (979) 345-3394



Active users

325

↑ 51.16%

New users

203

↑ 24.54%

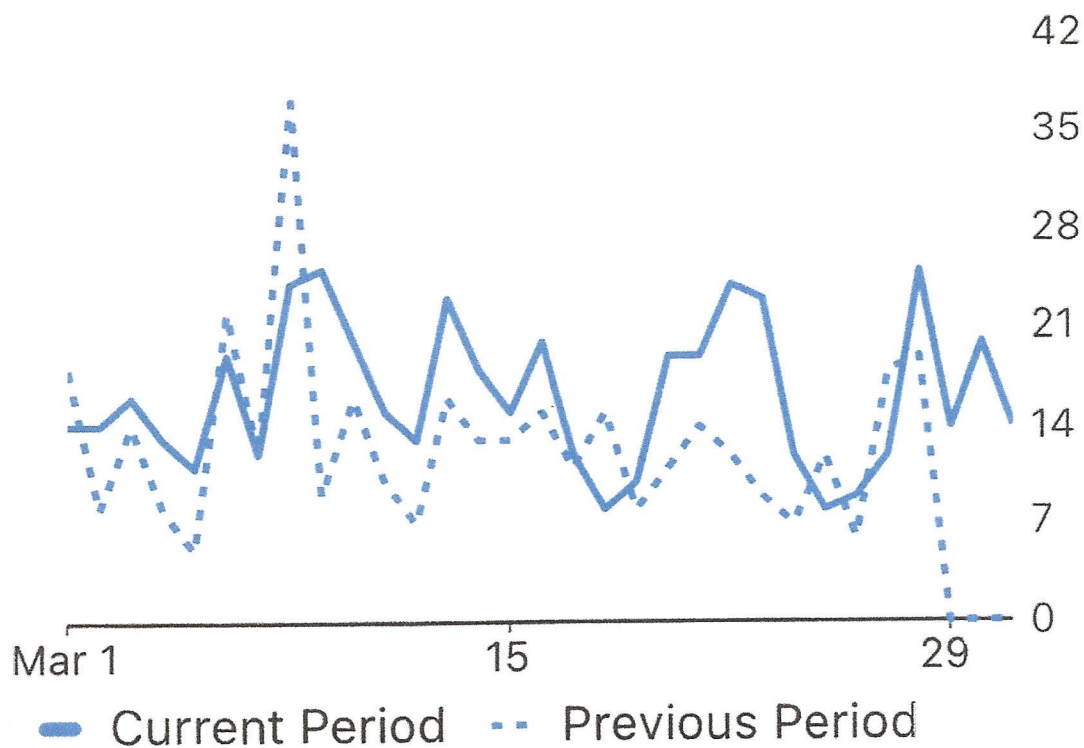
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↓ 41.09%

Trend of Active users

325 +110 ( ↑ 51.16%)



● Realtime

Active users by Country

No data available.

Active users

325

↑ 51.16%

New users

203

↑ 24.54%

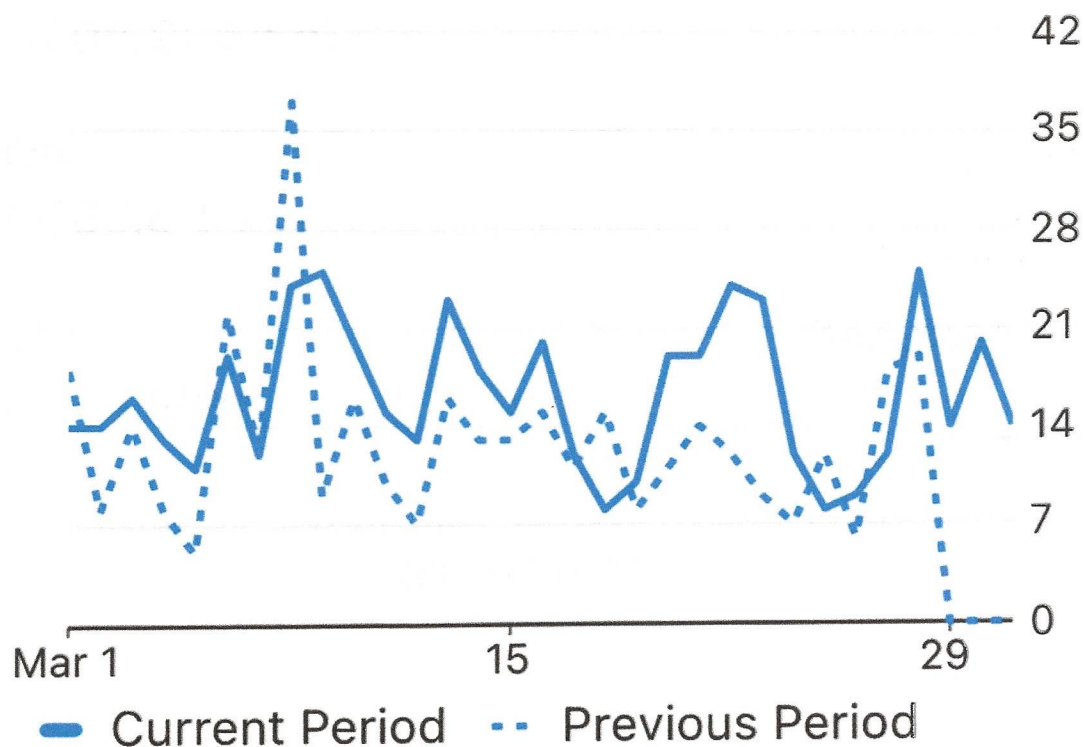
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Views

1,319 +59 ( ↑ 4.68%)

Brazoria County Cradle of Texas – TMNCOT	629 +17 ( ↑ 2.78%)
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Upcoming Events	184 -4 ( ↓ 2.13%)
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Events for March 2023	150 +130 ( ↑ 650.0%)
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Events for February 2023	5 -139 ( ↓ 96.53%)
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## ANALYTICS 2023

### Website:

March: 634sns 1319pageviews 325users

FEB 569sns 1403pageviews 225users

JAN 659sns 1759pvs 260usrs

Dec 330sns 677pvs 192usrs

Nov 405sns 714pvs 242usrs

Oct 459sns 891pvs 272usrs

Sep 438sns 819pvs 251usrs

### Facebook:

Mar - Followers 1595, PostReach 2.1K, 743  
engagement

Feb - Followers 1590 (15), 3.9K post  
reach, 1.2K engagement

## TMN Links

<https://txmn.org/staying-connected/sign-up-for-tmn-listserv/>

## 2023 Website Analytics

February <https://lookerstudio.google.com/reporting/>