



TMN-COT BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, May 3, 2023 9:01 a.m. – 11:16 a.m.
at Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service, Angleton TX

9:06 a.m. Call to Order

Kathy

- Welcome 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)	✓	John Boettiger (Membership Dir.)	N
Kathy Purvis (Secretary)	✓	Melanie Hollenshead (New Class Dir.)	V
Don Sabathier (Treasurer)	✓	Larry Peterson (Communications Dir.)	✓
		Ruby Lewis (Outreach Dir.)	N
Chapter Advisor(s)		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.)	V
Guests/Other		Rose Wagner (Chapter Host)	N
Luanne Salinas	✓	Kate Harris (Class 2022 Class Rep)	N
Amanda Gabeheart			
		Quorum	Yes

- Agenda additions or corrections - None presented
- Approve Previous Board Minutes - The April 2023 Board minutes were sent via email to the Board for review. Kristine requested the presenter roster be included with her report. The minutes were approved with the requested revision.

Minutes Approval —

Motion	Motion to Approve	Motion Seconded	Vote
Approve the April Board minutes	Mickey	Don	The Minutes with the noted correction were approved by unanimous voice vote of Board members present

May AT Day Update

Kathy Pittman initiated open discussion related to member concerns about the fees being charged and addressed the status of preparations.

Board Reports

Presidents Report

Kathy

- The next TMN Tuesday will be May 9. Ben Horstmann will present "Roving Interpretation: Making Casual Connections that Matter".



- The April Presidents' meeting was held Tuesday, April 25.
 - April was National Volunteer Month. More than 500K volunteer service hours were reported in 2022, the most since 2016.
 - The Virtual Volunteer Fair was scheduled to be held May 2 - 3. Sessions are supposed to be recorded for viewing.
 - The Annual Meeting – McAllen Convention Center, Oct 12 - 15: Registration will be opening in August. Hotel registration remains open, with several hotels to choose from within walking/short drive distance to the McAllen Convention Center. Saturday sessions will be off-site in a location where attendees can have a better view the solar eclipse.
 - Story-telling Project – members are encouraged to participate.
 - Looking for old T-shirts to be made into one or more quilts with Chapter Logos, anniversaries, and events.
 - New 25th Anniversary Logo that chapter may start using if they wish.
 - Please publicize the State Endowment, <https://masternaturalistendowment.org>.

Past President

Mickey

- An ice cream social will be held with the general meeting scheduled for July 12.

VP/Programs & Advanced Training

Jimmy

Upcoming speakers

- May 3: 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 14: Lance Wood, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, National Weather Service – “Should I go, or should I stay?” (in conjunction with Water Wednesdays)
- July 12: Sarah Weller, Senior Manager, International Coastal Cleanup (ICC), Ocean Conservancy - virtual presentation on world-wide beach and shoreline clean-up
- August: (tentative) Shane Bono, Coastal Conservation Association – Status of Oysters
- October: Fall Field Day - Dave Smidley may be able to attend rather than do a virtual presentation

Jill Carol, a former TMN-COT member, has returned to the area and may be able to speak at a later meeting.

Treasurer

Don

COT TREASURER REPORT

April 2023

BEGINNING BALANCE	11,837.74
Revenue Summary	108.29
Expense Summary	132.31
ENDING BALANCE	\$11,813.72

K. Pittman asked about the status of dues and intern-related expenses. Don reported difficulties checking the actual dollar amount paid via Square. He is sending out e-mails to follow up on unpaid dues, including members with health issues. Melanie reported intern expenses included purchases of T-shirts and name tags, as well as a monthly subscription for Zoom.



Membership

John B (absent)

Kathy Pittman presented the following report for John Boettiger:

Initial Certifications

None

Recertifications

Lewis, Pamela
 McKey, Mel

Milestones

Grandjean, Cynthia (250)
 Wagner, Rose (500)
 Kneupper, Chris (5000)

VMS DATA

		April	Year to Date
Hours*	VT	1,654	6,216
	AT	169	808
	Total	1,823	7,024
Impact Data*	Adults	640	3,011
	Youth	3,466	9,960
	Total	4,106	12,971

* will not be considered final until mid-June

State Representative

Connie

- All Board members have completed and submitted the Conflict-of-Interest forms.
- Draft revisions to the Chapter Operating Handbook (COH) following the State framework were distributed via e-mail to the Board for review. Discussion affirmed the proposed change to amend the volunteer travel time. K. Pittman will finalize the revision and call for an electronic vote.

Training

Melanie

- Seven (7) Interns need only to finish their projects and complete urban ecology to graduate.
- The graduation date will be set and announced later.

Mentor Program

Kate

- Mentors have been assigned to (8) Interns. Six (6) Interns are waiting to be assigned mentors. This will be addressed at the General Meeting.

Volunteer Service

Oron

Upcoming VT Opportunities – May/June

- 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 – June 8, 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
- The Boardwalk Maintenance & Construction project is on hold and has been removed.

Outreach

Ruby (absent)

Oron Atkins presented the following report for Ruby Lewis:



- DEEP at BNWR Discovery Center – May 9, 11, 16 & 18, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; contact Ed Barrios
- Summer Reading Club, BCLS - June 1, 9, 15, 20, 21, 27 and 29; contact Ruby Lewis
- Camp Mohawk - June 5 - 8, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; contact Mike Mullenweg
- GCBO Summer Bird Camp - June 12 - 15; contact Celeste Silling

Chapter Host

Rose (absent)

Kristine Rivers reported that Duran's Bar-B-Que Company will cater breakfast and lunch for AT Day. Kristine has sent the information to be posted.

AT registration reported thus far: 20 in-person and 4 virtual. Registration will close in about a week.

Communications

Larry

Overview of the full report to be sent to the Board:

- Website
 - 234 users, down from March
 - 444 sessions, down from 634 in March
 - 1,229 page views for April (March was 1,319)

April Website Analytics Report follows:





May AT Day Update

Kristine

There was nothing further to add to that presented earlier in the meeting as noted.

Class 2022 Rep.

Kate

There was nothing further to report.

Chapter Advisors

John O. Jordan

- The Turtle Island Restoration project for sea turtle rescue will be presented at the Sea Center on May 9 at 10:00a.m.
- Water Wednesdays - "Water Wells" will be presented by Dr. Joel Pigg, Extension Program Specialist and Coordinator of the Texas Well Owners Network this month. Reservations are being taken for the 1.0 - 1.5-hour presentation. A presentation on "Water Safety" is slated for July. Note: Sharks will likely be included in the in the talk.

New business

None

General Meeting Agenda

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, May 10 at 6:00 p.m. Send any items to K. Pittman by SUNDAY EVENING, May 7.

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, June 7 at 9:00 a.m.

President: Kathy Pittman adjourned the Board Meeting at 11:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Purvis, Secretary

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

Attendance 2023	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Elected Board Members													
Kathy Pittman - President	x	x	x	x	x								
Jimmy Salinas -VP	x	x	x	v	x								
Don Sabathier - Treasurer	x	x	x	x	x								
Kathy Purvis - Secretary				x	x								
Lorna Witt - Secretary	x	pe											
Advisors													
John O'Connell - AgrLife	x	x	x	x	x								
Jordan Kieffer - TPWD	x	x	x	v	v								



Immediate Past President													
Mickey Duffilho	x	x	N	x	x								
Appointed Board/Committee Members													
Oron Atkins – Volunteer Ops	x	x	x	x	x								
John Boettiger- Membership	N	x	N	x	N								
Kate Harris – 2022 Intern Rep	x	N	x	x	v								
Melanie Hollenshead - Training	x	x	x	N	x								
Ruby Lewis - Outreach	N	x	N	x	N								
Larry Peterson - Communications	x	x	x	x	x								
Kristine Rivers – AT	x	x	x	V	V								
Attendance 2023 (cont.)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Kristine Rivers – AT	x	x	x	V	V								
Connie Stolte – State Rep	x	x	x	x	V								
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Connie Stolte – State Rep	x	x	x	x	V								
Rose Wagner, Chapter Host	x	x	x	V	N								
Guests													
Luanne Salinas	x	x	x		x								
Amanda Gabeheart		x		x									

Upcoming VT Opportunities – May/June 2023

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Beach Sweep – 5/1 & 6/5, 8 AM to 10 AM, Quintana Jetties– contacts Jimmy/Luanne Salinas

Nurdle Beach Patrol – Jace Turnell – self-directed

Brazoria County Comprehensive Spider Survey – Melanie Hollenshead - self directed

Adopt a Loop for TMN – contact Debbie Nance - self directed

Texas Adopt-A-Beach Fall Clean-up – 4/22, 9 AM to 12 PM – contact Mike Mullenweg

Public Outreach (Ruby)

DEEP at BNWR Discovery Center – 5/9, 5/11, 5/16 & 5/18, 8 AM to 2 PM – contact Ed Barrios

BCLS Summer Reading Club – 6/1, 6/9, 6/15, 6/20, 6/21, 6/27 & 6/29 – contact Ruby Lewis

Camp Mohawk – 6/5 thru 6/8, 9 AM to 12 PM – contact Mike Mullenweg

GCBO Summer Bird Camp – 6/12 thru 6/15 – contact Celeste Silling

Impact Details

Opportunity Title	Start Date	Service Performed	Adult Sub Total
TR: I Trained Others (Service Projec	04/26/2023	Plant Identification and intro to Prairie eco	40
TR: I Trained Others (Service Projec	04/01/2023	Intern training, plant Identification and Nat	20
PO: Public Outreach (Service Proje	04/14/2023	USFWS: Birds of Prey program, Sweeny Chri	10
PO: Public Outreach (Service Proje	04/22/2023	USFWS: Birds of Prey program, Madge Griffi	20
PO: Public Outreach (Service Proje	04/22/2023	USFWS: Birds of Prey program, Angleton Cei	42
PO: Public Outreach (Service Proje	04/01/2023	USFWS: Birds of Prey program, Surfside	83
PO: Public Outreach (Service Proje	04/04/2023	USFWS: Birds of Prey program, Markum & B	84
PO: Public Outreach (Service Proje	04/05/2023	USFWS: Birds of Prey program, Bess Branner	87
PO: Public Outreach (Service Proje	04/06/2023	USFWS: Birds of Prey program, UP, WC Babt	81
PO: Public Outreach (Service Proje	04/11/2023	USFWS: Birds of Prey program, Elizabeth Ne	31
PO: Public Outreach (Service Proje	04/12/2023	CTC - made presentation to local SCV Camp;	15
PO: Public Outreach (Service Proje	04/07/2023	Docent at the BMINS	16
PO: Public Outreach (Service Proje	04/21/2023	Docent at the BMINS	17
PO: Public Outreach (Service Proje	04/28/2023	Docent at the BMINS	23
TR: I Trained Others (Service Projec	04/19/2023	On April 19th, 2023 provided training to M	71

640

Youth Sub total

80

170

400

67

820

825

740

275

44

26

19

3466