



**Texas Master Naturalist™ - Cradle of Texas Chapter
 Minutes of the General Meeting
 Wednesday, June 12, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – 11:18 a.m. (HYBRID)
 at Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service, Angleton TX**

9:00 a.m. Call to Order

Kathy Pittman

K. Pittman welcomed everyone attending or participating online and our guests, Valerie Kachur, mother of Luanne Salinas, Cindy Vincent (Class of 2019), Interns, Donna Rich and Glen Cullinane, and our featured speakers, Ryan Vince and Curtis Jones.

Approval of the General Meeting Minutes

Kathy Pittman

The draft copy of the minutes of the May 8, 2024, General Meeting was sent via e-mail to the TMN-COT member distribution list for review prior to the meeting. No additions or corrections were reported and upon the motions of Rose Wagner and Angela Griffin, members voted approval of the minutes.

Annual AT Day

Kristine Rivers

K. Rivers stated approximately 90 people were registered for the June 15, 2024, event and 26 had signed up for the mothing event on Thursday evening, June 13, 2024. She noted that volunteers were working out at Brazos Woods Preserve to be ready for that event.

Training

Melanie Hollenshead

M. Hollenshead presented Liesa Glover with her certification. She reported two (2) others not in attendance, Donna Gregurek and Brian Hanson, had also achieved their initial certifications. She also stated the new Intern Class began June 8 with orientation and that all members were welcome to attend any classes and field trips.

Membership

John Boettiger

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| Recertifications: | Hannah Beckett | John Boettiger | Dennis Charleton |
| | David Dungan | Jim Nance | Marlon Nation |
| | Kathy Pittman | Jimmy Salinas | Luanne Salinas |
| | Andy Smith | Sherry Summers | Barbara Yoder |

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| Milestones: | Paula Hanson | 1000 Hours! |
| | Mel McKey | 1000 Hours! |

CONGRATULATIONS TO THEM ALL!

IMPACT DATA - May 2024 *

| Hours* | | Month | YTD | Impact Data* | | Month | YTD |
|--------|-------|------------|------------|--------------|--------|--------------|---------------|
| | VT | 1,247 | 7,532 | | Adults | 283 | 4,640 |
| | AT | <u>118</u> | <u>975</u> | | Youth | <u>1,791</u> | <u>14,950</u> |
| | Total | 1,365 | 8,507 | | Total | 2,074 | 19,590 |

* Data will not be considered final until mid-July 2024



Featured Speakers - Jimmy Salinas introduced Ryan Vince, Prescribed Fire Specialist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service since 2004 and Curtis Jones, Refuge Manager at the San Bernard and Big

Boggy National Wildlife Refuges and who has worked for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for 20 years. They gave a good overview of the processes involved in planning and carrying out safe and effective prescribed burns, the largest tool in habitat management.

BREAK (10 minutes) - Thank you to those who brought refreshments!

Outreach

Ruby Lewis (absent)

K. Pittman reviewed the schedule as follows:

- BCLS Summer Reading Series, "Texas Reptiles" - refer to the volunteer calendar for dates, times and locations; contact Ruby Lewis.
- BCPD Nature Camp at Camp Mohawk, June 17 - 20, 2024; contact Nathan Murphy at nathanm@brazoriacountytx.gov. It was reported they have enough volunteers at this time.

Kathy also gave a shout-out to Chris Tobola, who is doing a great job assisting Ruby Lewis!

John O'Connell spoke briefly about Water Wednesdays, with "Water for Wildlife" in June and a program on green infrastructure in July and xeriscaping in August. The total fee for each is \$10.00 (processing fees are covered).

Treasurer

Don Sabathier

D. Sabathier presented the summary report as of May 31, 2024. He stated he found some challenges with the bank statement for April/May, as some of the numbers were combined.

May 2024*

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| BEGINNING BALANCE | \$15,361.67 |
| Revenue Summary | 1,225.52 |
| Expense Summary | <u>396.98</u> |
| ENDING BALANCE | \$16,190.21 |



COT MASTER NATURALIST INCOME STATEMENT for 2024

| | 2024 | | | | | | | Totals | Budget Delta |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|
| | Budget | January | February | March | April | May | June | | |
| Opening Balance | | \$10,700.59 | \$13,306.01 | \$14,822.02 | \$15,334.50 | \$15,361.67 | \$16,190.21 | | |
| INCOME ITEMS | | | | | | | | | |
| Membership Dues | 2,900 | 1,126.29 | 937.72 | 274.65 | 595.65 | 149.75 | | 3,084.06 | -184.06 |
| Interest Income | 10.00 | 0.22 | 0.23 | 0.26 | 0.25 | 0.27 | | 1.23 | 8.77 |
| Member Donations | 300 | 23.79 | | 62.58 | 23.79 | 23.79 | | 133.95 | 166.05 |
| Sponsor/Non-member Donations | | | 75.00 | 24.99 | | | | 99.99 | -99.99 |
| Member Payments for New Shirts | 40 | | | | | | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Special AT event- Non Member fees | 100 | | | | | | | 0.00 | 100.00 |
| Sale of extra TMN Books/Food | | | | | 331.40 | | | 331.40 | -331.40 |
| Sub Total | 3,350 | 1,150.30 | 1,012.95 | 362.48 | 951.09 | 173.81 | | 3,650.63 | |
| New Intern Class Receipts | 4,500 | \$1,550.00 | 830.00 | 225.20 | 475.00 | 1,051.71 | | 4,131.91 | 368.09 |
| INCOME TOTALS | 7,850 | \$2,700.30 | 1,842.95 | 587.68 | 1,426.09 | 1,225.52 | 0.00 | 7,782.54 | 67.46 |

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| | 2024 | | | | | | | Totals | Budget Delta |
|---|-------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Budget | January | February | March | April | May | June | | |
| EXPENSE ITEMS | | | | | | | | | |
| Approved Donations | 300 | | | | 300.00 | 104.42 | | 404.42 | -104.42 |
| Speakers Bureau | | | | | | | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Speaker Travel Mileage/Motel/Tolls | 200 | | | | | | | 0.00 | 200.00 |
| Membership Director Expenses | 50 | | | | | | | 0.00 | 50.00 |
| Office Supplies, Postage Etc. | 30 | 7.12 | | | | | | 0.00 | 30.00 |
| Special Annual AT Event/Fall Field D | 1,750 | | | | | | | 0.00 | 1,750.00 |
| Member Shirt Purchases (if any) | 40 | | | | | | | 0.00 | 40.00 |
| Special Recognition | 200 | | | | | | | 0.00 | 200.00 |
| Travelers D&O Ins. Premium (Paid 3 years in 2022) | | | | | | | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Godaddy Website maintenance | 200 | | 176.95 | | | | | 176.95 | 23.05 |
| New Officer/Member Name Tags | 40 | | | | | | | 0.00 | 40.00 |
| State Annual Conference | | | | | | | | | |
| Registration & Expenses | 1,500.00 | | | | | | | 0.00 | 1,500.00 |
| State Meeting Sponsorship & Scholarships | 750.00 | | | | | | | | 750.00 |
| Materials | 500 | | | | 108.16 | 289.31 | | 397.47 | 102.53 |
| EcoFund Projects | 500 | | | | | | | 0.00 | 500.00 |
| Chapter Host-Meeting/Party Supplie | 400 | 12.76 | 24.99 | 40.21 | | 3.25 | | 81.21 | 318.79 |
| Chapter Host- Recognition Party/Cak | 175 | | | 34.99 | 40.99 | | | 75.98 | 99.02 |
| Sub Total | 6635 | 19.88 | 201.94 | 75.2 | 449.15 | 396.98 | 0.00 # | 1,143.15 | 5,491.85 |

Sabbathier: \$300 Sponsorship, \$300 scholarships



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| 2024 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Budget | January | February | March | April | May | June | July | August | September | Totals | Budget Delta | |
| TMN Text Book Order | 1500 | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | 1,500.00 | |
| Zeiglers-Intern T-Shirts | 1200 | | | 811.80 | | | | | | 811.80 | 388.20 | |
| Intern Name Tags | 150 | | | 95.00 | | | | | | 95.00 | 55.00 | |
| Intern Class Marketing | 100 | | 50.00 | | | | | | | 50.00 | 50.00 | |
| Intern Class - Zoom Annual fees | 250 | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | 250.00 | |
| Intern Class Supplies | 200 | | | 42.97 | | | | | | 42.97 | 157.03 | |
| Intern Class Scholarships-2 | 150 | | | | | | | | | 0.00 | 150.00 | |
| Intern Registration Reimbursement | | 75.00 | 75.00 | | | | | | | 150.00 | -150.00 | |
| Sub Total | 3550 | 75.00 | 125.00 | 0.00 | 949.77 | 0 | | | | 0 | 1149.77 | 2,400.23 |
| EXPENSE TOTALS | 10,185.00 | 94.88 | 326.94 | 75.20 | 1,398.92 | 396.98 | 0 # | ## # | 0.00 | 2,292.92 | 7,892.08 | |
| | (2,335) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ending Balance | | 13,306.01 | 14,822.02 | 15,334.50 | 15,361.67 | 16,190.21 | 16,190.21 # | ## # | 0.00 | | | |
| COT Chapter Lifetime membership Dues \$400.00 COT 2024 Annual Dues \$25.00 2024 Intern Class fee: \$150.00 Members attaining 4,000, 5,000 or 10,000 VT hours are exempt from dues the next calendar year 2024 Travel reimbursement: c67/mile | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Volunteer Service

Oron Atkins

- Exploration Green Workday – every Wed., 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; contact Christie Taylor.
- 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.
- Adopt-a-Loop for TMN – self-directed, contact Debbie Nance. She will send out an e-mail for a Zoom meeting to talk about this project.
- Beach Sweep, Quintana Jetties –June 8 (weather permitting), 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.; contact Jimmy or Luanne Salinas.
- Sea Turtle Patrol (PAIS & local training required) - daily, began April 1 and continues to July 14, contact Roland Davis.
- iNaturalist - Pollinator Week Bioblitz - June 17 - 23; self-directed. Go to "Pollinator Bioblitz 2024" and follow the directions.

Other Items

- The next Intern Class is scheduled to start Saturday, September 7, 2024. Tell you friends!
- There will be no July Board meeting.

Meeting AT and VT hours

- AT - 1.5 hours
- VT - 0.75 hour

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| Attendance: | In-person | 54 |
| | Virtual | <u>15</u> |
| | Total | 69 |

President: Kathy Pittman adjourned at 11:18 a.m.



Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathy Purvis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kathy Purvis, Secretary

cc: Board Members
Clara Tyler, AgriLIFE Secretary (Clara.tyler@ag.tamu.edu)