



Texas Master Naturalist™ - Cradle of Texas Chapter
Minutes of the General Meeting
Wednesday, July 9, 2025, 6:01 pm - 7:47 pm (HYBRID)
at Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service, Angleton TX

6:01 pm Call to Order

Kathy Pittman

Kathy Pittman welcomed everyone attending and participating online. She extended happy birthday wishes to anyone with a July birthday and recognized visitors, Dean Blair, Mel McKey's neighbor, Charlene Wilson, Kristine Rivers' mom, Rose Wagner's granddaughter, Zoey and Hollis Parks, Manager for Quintana Beach County Park. Kathy also recognized our speaker for the evening, Martin Hagne.

Approval of the General Meeting Minutes

The draft copy of the minutes of the June 11, 2025, General Meeting was sent via e-mail to the TMN-COT member distribution list for review prior to the meeting. K. Purvis reported minor corrections/changes were made per feedback. Members approved the minutes as presented by voice vote upon the motion of Angela Griffin, seconded by Mickey Dufilho.

Membership

John Boettiger

Initial Certifications	Betty Skweres	David Skweres	
Recertifications	Marty Cornell	Cynthia Grandjean	Melanie Hollenshead
	Tom Morris	Jo Myers	Kathy Purvis
	Dick Schaffhausen		
Milestones	Amanda Gabehart	5,000 HOURS	

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

VMS Data

K. Pittman presented the data for June 2025:

Hours*	VT	1,140	7,745
	AT	99	1,327
Impact data*	Adults	174	2,678
	Youth	113	8,044
	Total	287	10,722

**Will not be considered final until mid-August 2025. Dave Brandes, VMS Administrator*

AT Presentation - Martin Hagne, Executive Director of the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory: "The Gulf Coast Bird Observatory - Why, How, Where and Who!" Martin did a great job of persevering through the disruption of our electrical outage challenges to complete his presentation, and it was very much appreciated!

BREAK - K. Pittman invited everyone to enjoy Amanda's cake in celebration of her achievement of 5,000 Hours! Thank you to all our members who brought refreshments today and to Rose Wagner for all she does for the Chapter!



Fall Field Day

Kristine Rivers

K. Rivers gave a brief update on Fall Field Day, to be held at GCBO on October 8, 9:00 AM - 12:00 N. A bird banding demonstration will be offered as an optional activity. An art activity may be included as well. Lunch will be provided, and members will be asked to bring fruit/veggie trays.

The Annual Meeting will be held in College Station October 16 - 19. Hotels are now available, and registration should open in early August.

Outreach

Ruby Lewis

- **BCLS Summer Reading Club** – June 17, 18, 19, 20, 24 and 25. See the TMN-COT volunteer calendar for locations and times – contact Ruby Lewis (ph. 979.583.7903 or e-mail - rubylewis77515@ymail.com)
- **Shark Week, Sea Center** - Saturday, August 2, 11:00 am - 3 pm.

Ruby emphasized that additional volunteers were needed for some BCLS locations such as Sweeney.

Fall Intern Training

Barbara Whaley

The Fall Intern Training Class will begin September 6 at 9:00 AM with an orientation session. Class will be held on Wednesdays with some sessions on Saturdays.

Bat Project Update

Mickey Dufilho

This monitoring project has ended for this season. Thank you to all our members who participated this year! Special thanks to Mickey Dufilho and Larry Peterson for all their efforts on this important work!

Water Wednesdays

John O'Connell

The next Water Wednesday program, Part 2: "Lone Star Healthy Streams" is scheduled for virtual presentation on July 16 from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm.

Financial Report

Don Sabathier

June 2025

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 15,237.08
Revenue Summary	0.25
Expense Summary	<u>300.00</u>
ENDING BALANCE	\$14,937.33

The Full Income Statement, included in the slide presentation, follows for information on the next page.



COT MASTER NATURALIST INCOME STATEMENT for 2025

	2025					Budget Delta
	Budget	April	May	June	Totals	
Opening Balance		\$12,951.55	\$14,060.88	15,237.08		
INCOME ITEMS						
Membership Dues	3,250	174.85			2,706.94	543.06
Interest Income	10.00	0.22	0.24	0.25	1.32	8.68
Member Donations	300	1,047.76	1,000.00		2,119.13	-1,819.13
Sponsor/Non-member Donations			1,000.00		2,010.00	-2,010.00
Member Payments for New Shirts	40				0.00	0.00
Special AT-Remote/Non Member fee	100				101.49	-1.49
Amazon Debit Reimbursement					114.39	-114.39
Sub Total	3,700	1,222.83	2,000.24	0.25	7,291.94	-3,591.94
New Intern Class Receipts	5,250				1,201.40	4,048.60
INCOME TOTALS	8,950	1,222.83	2,000.24	0.25	8,493.34	456.66

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	Budget	April	May	June	Totals	Budget Delta
EXPENSE ITEMS						
Approved Donations	300				150.00	150.00
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	5.41			12.93	17.07
Special Annual AT Event/Fall Field Day	1,750				928.94	821.06
Member Shirt Purchases (if any)	40				0.00	40.00
Special Recognition	200				0.00	200.00
Travelers D&O Ins. Premium (3 years)	1,600				0.00	1,600.00
Godaddy Website maintenance	200				214.76	-14.76
New Officer/Member Name Tags	40				0.00	40.00
State Annual Conference						
Registration & Expenses	1,500				0.00	1,500.00
State Meeting Sponsorship &						
Scholarships	750			300.00	300.00	450.00
Materials	500				0.00	500.00
EcoFund Projects	500				0.00	500.00
Field Research Bat Project	1,000		759.05		905.12	94.88
Chapter Host-Meeting/Party Supplies	400				0.00	400.00
Chapter Host- Recognition Party/Cake	175	46.99			46.99	128.01
TDECU Returned Check for ISF						
TDECU Check Debit						
Sub Total	9235	52.40	759.05	300.00	3,590.74	5,644.26

(See Income Statement, continued next page)

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	2025					
	Budget	April	May	June	Totals	Budget Delta
TMN Text Book Order	1500				0.00	1,500.00
Zeiglers-Intern T-Shirts	1200				0.00	1,200.00
Intern Name Tags	150	33.25	19.00		52.25	97.75
Intern Class Marketing	100		45.99		45.99	54.01
Intern Class - Zoom Annual fees	250				0.00	250.00
Intern Class Supplies	200	27.85			27.85	172.15
Intern Class Scholarships-2	150				0.00	150.00
Intern Registration Reimbursement					75.00	-75.00
Sub Total	3550	61.1	64.99	0	201.09	3,348.91
EXPENSE TOTALS	12,785.00	113.50	824.04	300	3,791.83	8,993.17
	(3,835)					
Ending Balance		14,060.88	15,237.08	14,937.33		
COT Chapter Lifetime membership Dues \$400.00						
COT 2025 Annual Dues \$25.00						
2025 Intern Class fee: \$150.00						
Members attaining 4,000, 5,000 or 10,000 VT hours are exempt from dues the next calendar year						
2025 Travel reimbursement: c67/mile						

Volunteer Opportunities

Oron Atkins

- **Exploration Green Workday** – every Wed., 8:30 am to 11:30 am – contact Christie Taylor, <https://www.explorationgreen.org/>
- **Trash Collection/Disposal Analysis Project** – self directed
- **Beach Sweep** – August 4, 8:00 am to 10:00 am, (weather permitting), Quintana Jetties parking area – contacts Jimmy/Luanne Salinas jimmy.salinas217@gmail.com; msluhu@gmail.com
- **Nurdle Beach Patrol** – Jace Turnell – self-directed, (<https://www.nurdlepatrol.org/app/>)
- **Brazoria County Comprehensive Spider Survey** – Melanie Hollenshead - self directed
- **Adopt a Loop for TMN** – contact Cris Tobola - self-directed; e-mail Cris **for this project only** at utc_aal@yahoo.com
- **DFNC Educational Pond and Native Garden Habitat Workdays** – Thursday, July 17 and Saturday, July 19, 8:00 am to 11:00 am – contact Kathy Pittman, pittmankw4@aol.com
- **TMN-COT iNaturalist Data Collection Project** - contact Amanda Gabehart, sylshessa@aol.com
- **Time to Restore Project** – self-directed, contact Kathy Pittman, pittmankw4@aol.com; <https://www.usanpn.org/community/TimeToRestore>

Oron noted one small construction project is scheduled for Saturday, July 12, at Harvest for the Hungry.

Final Items

Kathy Pittman

- **25th Anniversary** - Next year will be our Chapter's 25th anniversary. We are looking for suggestions on how to celebrate YOUR accomplishments over the course of the year. Please send your ideas - big or small!



- Thank you to those of you who attended our meeting, either online or in person. A lightning strike caused a power loss to the AgriLIFE facility, and we lost our audio feature for those attending online and our screen projection in-house.

We celebrated Amanda Gabehart's 5,000-hour milestone in the dark and soldiered on! This meeting was certainly memorable in more than one way!

Meeting AT and VT Hours (* Hours you may count, or a portion thereof)

- AT 1.5 hours
AT - I received training (Adv. Training) TMN
Martin Hagne, "GCBO – Why, How, Where and Who!?"
- VT 0.5 hours plus drive time
CB - Chapter Business and Admin
Chapter Meetings
July Gen Mtg

K. Pittman sent out the prepared slide deck to the membership to ensure all information was disseminated. The next General meeting will be held at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, August 13, with social time at 8:30 AM.

Kathy Pittman adjourned the meeting at 7:47 PM.

Attendance:	In-person	41
	Virtual	<u>0</u>
	Total	42

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Purvis, Secretary

cc: Board Members