



TMN-COT GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, August 9, 2017, 9:00 a.m. – 12:07 p.m.
AgriLife® Extension Building, Angleton, Texas

Kristine Rivers, President, called the meeting to order and presented the agenda at 9:00 a.m. She reminded attendees to silence their phones and to sign in.

Attendance: 65 members were in attendance and no guests.

Host's Report: Pam West thanked this month's snack team: Jim Calvert, Marty Cornell, Lisa Myers, Larry Ruhr, and Rob Salzer.

Treasurer's Report: Don Sabathier presented the financial report for 1 July to 31 July 2017.

<u>Beginning Balance</u>	\$ 7,885.74
Revenue Summary	\$ 50.00
Interest	\$ 0.81
Expense Summary	(\$ 0.00)
<u>Ending Balance</u>	\$ 7,936.55

Don announced that all active members have paid this year's dues.

VMS and AT Updates / Awards: On behalf of **Peggy and Pete Romfh**, **Kristine** presented the following VT and AT hours year-to-date, and the members listed below were recognized for achieving recertification or service-hour milestones.

Period	VT Hours	AT Hours	# Volunteers
1 January – 31 July 2017	11,869	1,156	115

Recertification (Sea Turtle Pin)		500 Hours Milestone (Silver Dragonfly Pin)
Marty Cornell	Leo Novak	Karen Leder Lisa Myers
Cindy Goodrum	Pam Peltier	
Jerry Krampota	Ken Sluis	
John Minkert	Linda Sluis	
George Valadez		

Secretary's Report: Lisa Myers read two notes received by COT: One from Peter Conaty, husband of COT member Susan Conaty, who wrote to thank COT for sending a get-well card and to express his appreciation for "support and concern" during his illness and for support of the Nash Prairie; and the other from Oliver Osborn, who thanked COT for acknowledging his 101st birthday and expressed fond memories of participating in COT.



Volunteer Time (Service Projects): In **Oron Atkins'** absence, **Lisa Myers** presented the following opportunities. See information via <http://tmn-cot.org/Calendar/>.

- **Bobcat Woods Trail Boardwalk**—On-going, materials received, waiting for refuge personnel and equipment operators; check calendar; contact Oron Atkins oronatkins@comcast.net
- **Grass Mowing at San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge**—Mondays through Thursdays; contact Roland Davis roland_davis@fws.gov (no TMN calendar entry)
- **Gulf Coast Bird Observatory (GCBO) Native Plant Nursery Work Days**—Saturdays through end of August, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Contact Chris Kneupper kneupper@bazorianet.com
- **TCWP at Exploration Green (Clear Lake) Nursery Work Days**—August 10, 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. Contact Mary Carol Edwards, 281-989-5517
- **TCWP at Gulf Coast Bird Observatory (GCBO) Work Day**—August 17, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Contact Chris Kneupper kneupper@bazorianet.com
- **Louisiana Eyed Silkmoth Project**—To end of summer; contact Jennifer Wilson jennifer_wilson@fws.gov (no TMN calendar entry)
- **Kids Learn to Fish Event** at San Luis Pass County Park—September 2, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Contact Mike Mullenweg MikeM@brazoria-county.com.

Mike Mullenweg provided volunteer sign-up sheets, stating that there were six stations planned for the Kids Learn to Fish Event. He also solicited volunteers for an Angler Education Workshop on Wednesday, August 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (see Advanced Training, below). Completion of the training earns certification in Angler Education.

Outreach: **Ruby Lewis** thanked the 37 volunteers involved in this year's summer library program and other June and July activities and noted that 2,982 participants had been impacted. Ruby shared the following, upcoming events and circulated sign-up sheets, as applicable:

- **Friends of Brazoria National Wildlife Refuges at Brazos Mall Tax-Free Weekend Event**—August 12, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Ruby will call volunteers
- **Boy Scout Meeting**—August 19. Chris Kneupper will handle
- **Gulf Coast Bird Observatory (GCBO) Xtreme Hummingbird Extravaganza**—September 16 and 23, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Ruby Lewis TMN contact; Tricia Patton GCBO contact, tpatton@gcbo.org

Advanced Training: **Larry Ruhr** noted that calendar entries will be prefaced with initials corresponding to the type of activity, e.g., AT or VT, to make them more readable.

Larry shared the following, upcoming AT events (see calendar for more information).

- **Texas Waters Discussion Group**—August 9 (after today's meeting) and September 13, 12 to 1:30 p.m. in AgriLife meeting room
- **Native Grass Presentation at Houston Arboretum**—August 17, 7:00 to approximately 8:00 p.m.



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- **“Texas Water Law and Planning” (webinar)**—August 22, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. (see calendar).
- **Texas Parks and Wildlife Angler Educator Certification**—August 23, 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 313 W. Mulberry, Angleton
- **Invasive Plant Identification Tour at Exploration Green**—August 24, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
- **“Drought and Invasive Species” (webinar)**—September 14, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.
- **TMN 18th Annual Meeting**—October 20-22, Corpus Christi (on-line registration now open).

Larry added that he and Jill Carroll are working on a chapter AT event to be held on a Saturday in the fall, likely September 30. It will be a “dry run” of the presentations to be made by COT members at the TMN state meeting.

Nature Notes: Tom Morris first reminded members that The Center for Arts & Sciences, 400 College Boulevard, Clute, was offering a free program from 11:46 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. in support of the August 21 solar eclipse. More information is available in the August COT Chapter Newsletter. Tom then spoke on the topic, **“Birds of Prey.”** Afterwards, Kristine announced a 15-minute break.

Guest Speaker: Dan Reilly, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), spoke on the topic, **“Hurricanes and Hurricane Hazards.”**

Upon completion of the program, the meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m. Time codes allocated for the presentations and general meeting were:

- Presentations: Code "AT: I Received Training," 2.25 hours
- Chapter business meeting: Code "CB: Chapter Meetings and Admin," one hour + travel time.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Ladd Myers, Secretary, TMN-COT