



**TMN-COT GENERAL MEETING**  
**Wednesday, May 9, 2018, 9:00 a.m. – 11:47 a.m.**  
**AgriLIFE® Extension Building, Angleton, Texas**

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

**Attendance:** 69 members were in attendance and four guests.

**Host’s Report: Pam West** thanked today’s snack team: Anne Bettinger, George Bettinger, Mike Bettorf, Jerry Krampota, Ellen Lasseter, Mike Lasseter, Carolyn May-Monie, and Georgia Monnerat. She also thanked those who helped set up for the meeting.

**Treasurer’s Report: Don Sabathier** presented the financial report for April.

**1 April – 30 April 2018, COT Treasurer Report**

<b><u>Beginning Balance</u></b>	\$ 8,200.87
Revenue Summary	\$ 709.99 <sup>1</sup>
Expense Summary	(\$ 95.13) <sup>2</sup>
<b><u>Ending Balance</u></b>	\$ 8,815.73

<sup>1</sup> Includes \$600 in dues (one lifetime membership and one person paid four-years’ dues), donations, and bank interest

<sup>2</sup> Includes cost of cakes and supplies for meetings

Don reminded those who had not yet paid dues to do so.

**Membership**—On behalf of **Pete and Peggy Romfh**, who could not attend the meeting, **Carolyn May-Monie** presented the following impact data, VT and AT information, and award recipients. She then called to the stage for a photograph all members who had so far recertified for 2018.

Impact Data	# Adults	# Youth	Total
<b>YTD Totals—April 30</b>	5,401	13,209	18,610

Period	VT Hours	AT Hours	# of Volunteers
<b>YTD Totals—April 30</b>	7,072	467	92



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Recertification 2018 (Ocelot Pin)			250-Hour Milestone (Bronze Dragonfly Pin)	500-Hour Milestone (Silver Dragonfly Pin)
Barbara Burkhardt	Tom Morris	Jimmy Salinas	Bill Ahlstrom Chip Sweet	Donna Graham John Minkert
Cindy Goodrum	Mike Mullins	Dick Schaffhausen		
Donna Graham	Sheree Muzny	Ken Sluis		
Jackie Hicks	Jo Myers	Linda Sluis		
Edgar Johnson	Herb Myers	Pam West		
Vicki Kirby	Leo Novak	Bob Whitmarsh		
Chris Kreupper	Larry Peterson	Lorna Witt		

**Outreach—Ruby Lewis** announced upcoming outreach and volunteer opportunities listed below and circulated sign-up sheets, as needed. Ruby again reminded members to use only her cell phone number to contact her: 979-583-7903.

- **Nature Camp at Camp Mohawk County Park**—June 18-21
- **Nature Camp at Quintana Beach County Park**—July 16-19
- **GCBO Bird Camp**—June 4-8
- **DEEP at BNWR**—May 17, 22
- **Summer Library Programs**—June and July in Brazoria County Libraries

Ed Barrios provided some background information on the Nature Camps. Mike Mullenweg requested volunteers for two student field trips at Surfside Beach and Quintana County Park. John O’Connell requested volunteers for upcoming Water Fairs.

**Volunteer Project, Public Outreach, and Activity Request Review—Oron Atkins** shared the following, upcoming projects, outreach and/or status updates via a PowerPoint slide and highlighted several items. See detailed and updated information via <http://tmn-cot.org/Calendar/Calendar.html>.

- **GCBO Native Plant Work Day**—Every Saturday until further notice, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; contact Chris Kneupper
- **Bobcat Woods Trail at SBNWR**—Work continues; see Calendar for scheduled work days; contact Oron Atkins
- **DEEP** (see above)
- **Yucca Project Chocolate Bayou Unit**—Practice/training, project nights, and location and times TBA once the plants flower; contact Thomas Adams.  
 The purpose of the project is to promote the setting of fruit so that seeds can be collected to definitively identify the plant; the plants must be pollinated manually since they are not pollinating naturally. Six volunteers are needed for approximately three hours per night from about 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.
- **TCWP at GCBO Work Day**—May 17, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; contact Chris Kneupper
- **Exploration Green Nursery/Wetland Work Day**—May 19, June 7, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; contact Mary Carol Edwards



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**American Eel Project**—**John Boettiger** provided a status report for the project first introduced to COT in February by guest speaker Stephen Curtis. John announced that six mops have been placed and an additional six will be placed soon; one mop is available for placement. To date, no eels have been caught.

**Advanced Training Opportunities**—**Larry Ruhr** noted that no new AT opportunities had been posted to the Calendar besides the Yucca Project. He then displayed a slide showing the likely theme for the Bonus AT Event in January 2019: “A Little R & R,” representing research and resource management. A date for the event has not yet been set but will likely be in the latter part of January. It would include two parts:

- Part I: Scientific Research Projects
- Part II: Land and Species Management

**Boat Trip to North Deer Island Rookery**—**Kristine Rivers** reminded members about the email she recently sent to members detailing this Saturday, May 19, trip from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. that will meet at the Texas Seaport Museum, 2100 Harborside Drive, Galveston. The rookery features over 12,000 nesting pairs of birds. Cost of the trip is \$55 per person for COT members and family.

**Nature Notes**—**Neal McLain** spoke on the topic, “**Historic Oaks.**”

Kristine announced a 15-minute break.

**Guest Speaker**—**Brian Miles, Curator of Paleontology, Brazosport Museum of Natural Science, “Mammoths and Other Things Pleistocene.”**

The meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m. Time codes allocated for the presentations and general meeting were:

- Presentations Code: "AT: I Received Training," 1.75 hours
- Chapter Business Meetings Code: "CB: Chapter Meetings and Admin," one hour + travel time.

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