



**TMN-COT GENERAL MEETING**  
**Wednesday, June 13, 2018, 9:03 a.m. – 11:52 a.m.**  
**AgriLIFE® Extension Building, Angleton, Texas**

**Kristine Rivers**, President, called the meeting to order, presented the agenda at 9:03 a.m., and reminded attendees to silence their phones and to sign in.

**Attendance:** 65 members were in attendance and one guest.

**Host’s Report: Pam West** thanked today’s snack team: Cindy Goodrum, Marlies Greenwood, Becky McClendon Huff, Roy Morgan, Mike Mullins, and Kim Richardson.

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

**1 May – 31 May 2018, COT Treasurer Report**

<b><u>Beginning Balance</u></b>	\$8,815.73
Revenue Summary	\$ 99.83
Expense Summary	(\$ 811.52) <sup>1</sup>
<b><u>Ending Balance</u></b>	\$8,104.04

<sup>1</sup> Includes \$420 for directors and officers insurance, \$335.08 for speaker travel expense

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

**Membership—Pete and Peggy Romfh** presented the following impact data, VT and AT information, and award recipients. Peggy noted that 58 members had recertified as of May 31.

Impact Data	# Adults	# Youth	Total
<b>YTD Totals—May 31</b>	8,282	26,866	35,148 <sup>1</sup>

Period	VT Hours	AT Hours	# of Volunteers
<b>YTD Totals—May 31</b>	8,878	1,069	94

<sup>1</sup> Peggy indicated that COT’s annual impact total generally represents approximately 25% of the totals reported to the State by all chapters.



Recertification 2018 (Ocelot Pin)		500-Hour Milestone (Silver Dragonfly Pin)	2500-Hour Milestone (Polished Silver Dragonfly Pin)
Garry Ellis	Larry Kirby	Mel McKey	Oron Atkins
Jerry Eppner	Mel McKey		
Phyllis Gerdis	Robert Salzer		
Janet Jackson-Ellis	Andy Smith		

**Outreach—Ruby Lewis** informed members that four Summer Library Programs had been presented so far this summer, and 486 people were impacted. She then announced upcoming outreach and volunteer opportunities listed below and provided sign-up sheets, as needed.

- **Nature Camp at Camp Mohawk County Park**—June 18-21
- **Nature Camp at Quintana Beach County Park**—July 16-19
- **Summer Library Programs**—June and July in Brazoria County Libraries.

Mike Mullenweg provided an overview of the two Nature Camps and solicited volunteers for the camp at Quintana Beach County Park.

**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>.

- **Bobcat Woods Trail Extension at SBNWR**—Phase 2 is a boardwalk across Cocklebur Slough; Oron Atkins will be sending out a schedule to the current contact list; however, additional volunteers are welcome and should contact Oron if interested
- **Yucca Project Chocolate Bayou Unit**—250 pollinations were recently conducted
- **Turtle Patrol**—Continues for approximately one more month; it has been a banner year
- **GCBO Native Plant Work Day**—Every Saturday until further notice, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; contact Chris Kneupper
- **TCWP at GCBO Work Day**—June 21, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; contact Chris Kneupper
- **Exploration Green Nursery/Wetland Work Day**—June 14, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; contact Mary Carol Edwards
- **Summer Library Programs**—June and July in Brazoria County Libraries.

**Advanced Training Opportunities**—In Larry Ruhr’s absence, **Kristine** advised members to check the Calendar for upcoming opportunities.

**Nature Notes**—**Bill Ahlstrom** spoke on the topic, “**Life Support for Planet Earth.**”

Bill reminded members that next month’s General Meeting will take place at **BASF Planetarium at The Center for the Arts and Sciences with speaker Judi James, Planetarium Director.** The doors open at 9 a.m. Bill then announced a 15-minute break.

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**Guest Speaker—Dennis Jones, Coastal Warden, Upper Coast, Audubon Texas Coastal Conservation Program, “Coastal Mammals.”**

The meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m. Time codes allocated for the presentations and general meeting were:

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

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