



TMN-COT GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, August 8, 2018, 9:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
AgriLIFE Extension Building, Angleton, Texas

Kristine Rivers, President, called the meeting to order and reminded attendees to sign in and silence their phones.

Attendance—55 members were in attendance and one guest.

Host's Report—**Pam West** thanked today's snack team: Bill Ahlstrom, Oron Atkins, Jane Eppner, Jerry Eppner, Roy Morgan, Pam Peltier, Robert Salzer.

Treasurer's Report—**Don Sabathier** presented the financial report for July.

1 July – 31 July 2018, COT Treasurer Report

<u>Beginning Balance</u>	\$8,153.81
Revenue Summary	\$ 24.80
Expense Summary	(\$ 25.00)
<u>Ending Balance</u>	\$8,153.61

Membership—**Pete and Peggy Romfh** presented the following impact data, VT and AT information, and award recipients.

Impact Data	# Adults	# Youth	Total
YTD Totals—July 31	9,714	29,575	39,289

Period	VT Hours	AT Hours	# of Volunteers
YTD Totals—July 31	11,582	1,250	96

Recertification 2018 (Ocelot Pin)			500-Hour Milestone (Silver Dragonfly Pin)
Roger Allen John Minkert	Rainbo Johnson Pam Peltier	Jerry Krampota	Elaine Crews

Peggy asked members to round their hours entered in VMS to the nearest quarter hour. She added that they had found a place in VMS to enter certifications (e.g., entomology certification);



members should provide relevant information to Pete and Peggy so that it can be entered in the system.

Intern Training—Carolyn May-Monie noted that 10 people have registered for the upcoming training class; there are five more spaces left. Members are encouraged to spread the word about the class.

Outreach—Ruby Lewis thanked everyone who participated in the Summer Library Programs. She then announced upcoming outreach and volunteer opportunities listed below and circulated sign-up sheets where applicable.

- **Fill in the Gap (reptile program)**—August 8. 6 p.m.
- **Science Fest at Lake Jackson Historical Museum**—August 25, 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **GCBO Xtreme Hummingbird Xtravaganza**—September 8 and 9; 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- **KBR Kids Day at Guadalupe Plaza Park**—October 13, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Seabourne Nature Festival (with Fort Bend Chapter)**—Rosenberg, November 3, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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 Days**—every Saturday until further notice, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; contact Chris Kneupper
- **Bobcat Woods Trail**—The next boardwalk-construction phase is being planned; see TMN Calendar for scheduled work days
- **GCBO Smith Point Hawk Watch**—Daily, August 1 through November 15, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; contact Sue Heath
- **Exploration Green Nursery / Wetland Work Day**—August 9, 23, 30, 8-11 a.m.; contact Mary Carol Edwards
- **TCWP at GCBO Work Day**—August 16, 8-11 a.m.; contact Chris Kneupper
- **Pearland Natural Resources Work Day**—First Thursday each month; contact Cullen Onracek.

Advanced Training Opportunities—Larry Ruhr indicated that there are currently few opportunities. One new AT opportunity is:

- **Texas Waters Webinar**—August 28, 6:30 p.m.

He also noted that the 2019 Bonus AT Event committee is meeting today after the General Meeting and everyone is welcome to participate.

State Meeting—Connie Stolte informed members of the following, state-related activities:



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- **Texas Master Naturalist 2018 Annual Meeting on October 26-28 in Georgetown—** On-line registration is now open for the 20th anniversary meeting, which will include over 150 sessions and 30 field trips, various contests, and a fundraising gala with auctions, silent auction (items needed); <http://txmn.org/2018-annual-meeting>
- **ListSERV—**Sign-up to receive weekly emails from the State office; Neal has a link on the Website with sign-up information.

Speakers Bureau—Ed Peebles has assumed the role from Jimmy Salinas. He circulated a sign-up sheet for those interested in this outreach effort.

Nature Notes—Marty Cornell, “What Makes Birds of a Feather?”

Phil Huxford noted that the Bryan Adams Memorial Water Garden at Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge will break ground next week. Members are welcome to visit and observe the garden’s progress over the coming month.

Kristine announced a 15-minute break.

Guest Speaker—Heidi Whitehead, Executive Director of the Texas Marine Mammal Stranding Network: *Conserving Marine Mammals on the Texas Coast*.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m. Time codes allocated for the presentations and general meeting were:

- Presentations Code: "AT: I Received Training," 1.5 hours
- Chapter Business Meetings Code: "CB: Chapter Meetings and Admin," one hour + travel time.

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