



**TMN-COT GENERAL MEETING**  
**Wednesday, October 10, 2018, 9:02 a.m. – 11:23 a.m.**  
**AgriLIFE Extension Building, Angleton, Texas**

**Bill Ahlstrom**, Vice President, called the meeting to order and reminded attendees to sign in and silence their phones.

**Attendance**—88 members were in attendance and no guests.

**Host’s Report**—**Pam West** thanked the Brazoria County Library System (BCLS) for providing today’s snacks. The BCLS Director, the BCLS Coordinator of Children’s Programs, the Manvel Branch Children’s Program Coordinator, and the Angleton Branch Manager all thanked COT members for their contributions to the Summer Library Program.

Mel McKey invited members and their families to **Astronomy Day at the BASF Planetarium** parking lot in Clute on October 27 from 4 to 10 p.m. The planetarium will also be open for short programs during that time. Denis James added that volunteers are needed at the Planetarium.

**Treasurer’s Report**—**Don Sabathier** presented the financial report for September.

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

<b><u>Beginning Balance</u></b>	\$ 7,899.99
Revenue Summary	\$ 1,149.80 <sup>1</sup>
Expense Summary	(\$ 338.91) <sup>2</sup>
<b><u>Ending Balance</u></b>	\$ 8,710.88

<sup>1</sup> Primarily intern fees

<sup>2</sup> Includes Constant Contact, speaker travel expense, and training books

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

Impact Data	# Adults	# Youth	Total
<b>YTD Totals—September 30</b>	11,302	31,057	42,359

Period	VT Hours	AT Hours	# of Volunteers
<b>YTD Totals—September 30</b>	13,602	1,449	107



Recertification 2018 (Ocelot Pin)	250-Hour Milestone (Bronze Dragonfly Pin)
Karen Leder	Larry Peterson Bob Whitmarsh

Pete and Peggy also presented certificates and pins to John Boettiger (not present), Don Sabathier, Robert Salzer, and Chip Sweet for completing Texas Waters Certification.

**Outreach**— Ruby Lewis presented the following, upcoming activities and provided sign-up sheets as applicable:

- **DEEP at Brazoria NWR**—October 16, 23, 30, November 1, 6, 8, and 13; contact Tom Schneider
- **KBR Kids Day**—Guadalupe Plaza Park, October 13, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; a few more volunteers are needed
- **Spooktacular at Sea Center Texas**—October 28, 1 to 4 p.m.
- **Seabourne Nature Festival**—Rosenberg, November 3, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; six volunteers needed
- **Captain Shishka Bob**—November 7 (food prep), 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; November 8 and 9, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; see sign-up sheets at meeting or Calendar for sign-up link; John O’Connell explained the 13 sessions and volunteer opportunities that serve 1200 students over two days.

Mike Mullenweg reminded members that more volunteers are needed for **Kid Fish Fest at Bass Pro Shop, Pearland on November 3**. Three thousand people are expected for this event that TPWD has taken over from the City of Pearland.

Bill Ahlstrom informed members that Angleton Parks Department is considering a nature center as part of its parks plan.

**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>.

- **BCPD Trail Day**—Hanson Riverside County Park, October 18 (third Thursday), 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.; contact Mike Mullenweg
- **Exploration Green Nursery / Wetland Work Day**—October 11 and 25, 9 a.m. -12 p.m.; contact TBD
- **TCWP at GCBO Work Day at Hanson**—October 18, 9 a.m. -12 p.m.; contact Chris Kneupper
- **GCBO Native Plant Work Days**—every Saturday until further notice, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; contact Chris Kneupper



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- **Pearland Natural Resources Work Day**—First Thursday each month; contact Cullen Ondracek
- **Smith Point Hawk Watch**—Daily, through November 15, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; contact Sue Heath
- **TPWD Texas Pollinator BioBlitz**—October 5-21; enter data electronically; see Calendar; report hours using FR code
- **Bobcat Woods Trail**—Materials have arrived; project will restart soon; check Calendar.

**Advanced Training Opportunities**—Larry Ruhr announced the following, all of which are posted on the Calendar:

- **“Are You Sure of Your Shorebirds” Presentation by Kristine Rivers, Rosenberg Library, Galveston**—October 19, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **2018 Prairie Restoration Roundup, Texas City Prairie Preserve**—October 19, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; special TMN fee \$25
- **Webinar: The Role of Agroforestry in Supporting Pollinators**—October 23, 1:00 p.m.
- **Texas Master Naturalist Annual State Meeting, Georgetown**—October 26 to 28; registration for 2018 is now closed but plan for next year.

**Speakers Bureau**—Ed Peebles indicated that he is still looking for volunteers to give and/or produce presentations. He will be contacting volunteers in the near future.

Bill announced that a Nature Notes speaker is needed for the November meeting.

**Nature Notes**—Mike Mullins, “A Day on Matagorda Beach with Mike and Trish: Beach Trash.”

Bill announced a 15-minute break.

**Guest Speaker**—Rebecca Laurent speaking on colonial and present-day natural remedies using herbs and plants.

The meeting adjourned at 11:23 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

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