



TMN-COT GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, April 10, 2019, 9:04 a.m. – 11:30 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—71 members were in attendance plus three guests: Janet Townsend, and Dave and Joyce French.

Host's Report—**Pam West** thanked this month's snack team, Donna Graham, Jerry Krampota, Carolyn May-Monie, Debbie Nance, Larry Ruhr, Jimmy Salinas, and Bob Whitmarsh. She also thanked those members who arrived early to set up for the meeting.

Treasurer's Report—**Don Sabathier** presented the March 2019 financial information, below.

1 March – 31 March 2019, COT Treasurer Report

<u>Beginning Balance</u>	\$ 9,244.89
Revenue Summary	\$ 199.13
Expense Summary	(\$ 20.00)
<u>Ending Balance</u>	\$ 9,424.02

Don reminded members to pay 2019 member dues.

Membership—**John Boettiger** presented the following impact data, VT and AT information, and award recipients. He announced that as of May 1, the state will no longer allow exceptions for entry of hours in VMS past the 45-day rule.

Impact Data	# Adults	# Youth	Total
YTD Totals—March 31	1,614	5,819	7,433

Period	VT Hours	AT Hours	# of Volunteers
YTD Totals—March 31	3,614	789	93 (of 111 active members)

Recertification 2019 (Warbler Pin)	500 Hours	1000 Hours
Dave Brandes Carolyn May-Monie Roy Morgan Tom Morris	Herb Myers Don Sabathier Dick Schaffhausen Mary Schwartz Taylor Wilkins	Lorna Witt Candace Novak



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

- **Summer Library Reading Program**—Ruby provided an overview of this year's programs and circulated sign-up sheets
- **DEEP**—Ruby indicated an additional date of May 2 that was the result of a school's rescheduling.

Mike Mullenweg, BCPD—Mike presented the following, upcoming activities and provided sign-up sheets as applicable:

- **Adopt-a-Beach**—Saturday, April 13; meet at Jetty Park in Surfside
- **Hanson Riverside County Park Trails Day**—April 18, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. (the county received grant money for trail improvements)
- **School Field Trips** to Quintana Beach County Park, May 3 and Camp Mohawk County Park, May 4
- **Brazoria County Parks Department Summer Camps**—Camp Mohawk, June 17-20 and Camp Quintana, July 15-18.

Before calling on Oron Atkins to present his report, Bill Ahlstrom told members that Oron had been recently named the Texas Mid-coast National Wildlife Refuges Volunteer of the Year. Oron in turn acknowledged those who had worked on the Bobcat Woods trail at the San Bernard NWR.

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

- **Water Fairs**—April 15, 16, 23, 25, 26
- **BCPD Trail Day**—April 18, Hanson Riverside County Park; (third Thursday each month), 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.; contact Mike Mullenweg.

Oron noted that UTVs will be at Quintana Beach this year for Turtle Patrol use.

Special Events (no VT):

- **AgriLife Volunteer Appreciation Picnic**—April 11, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; contact John O'Connell
- **Birding Talk at Quintana Beach County Park (AT)**—April 13, 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.; contact Patty Brinkmeyer
- **Migration Celebration Kick-off Dinner (30 minutes AT)**—April 12, 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Advanced Training—Bob Whitmarsh presented several opportunities, all of which are posted on the Calendar.

- **Sea Turtle Patrol Training (AT)**—April 10 or May 1, 5 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; contact Roland Davis
- **Photography of Migratory Birds**, Quintana Beach County Park—April 13, 2 p.m.
- **Bird Migration of the Upper Texas Coast**, Quintana Beach County Park—April 17, 1 p.m.



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- **Water Fairs Training**—April 12, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Speakers Bureau—**Ed Peebles** said that the Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes is seeking people to give seminars and he circulated information.

State Representative—**Connie Stolte** announced that she will be emailing the newly-revised appendices to the Chapter Operating Handbook for member review. Members will vote on appendices' acceptance at next month's General Meeting.

Bill Ahlstrom announced that Paul Cason of Sea Center Texas will be joining the COT board as an advisor.

Nature Notes—**Jim Nance** spoke on "Common Fossils of Texas."

Bill announced a 15-minute break.

Speaker—**Ron Weeks**, Lake Jackson-based birding enthusiast, GCBO Board Member, and author of books about Texas birds, spoke on "Using eBird and Merlin: In the Home and in the Field."

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. Time codes allocated for the presentations and general meeting were:

- Presentations Code: "AT: I Received Training," 1.25 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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