



**TMN-COT GENERAL MEETING**  
**Wednesday, May 8, 2019, 9:00 a.m. – 11:12 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**—70 members were in attendance plus six guests.

**Host’s Report**—**Pam West** thanked this month’s snack team, Bill Ahlstrom, Mike Bettorf, Barbara Burkhardt, Sheree Muzny, Connie Stolte, and Regina Tippitt.

**Treasurer’s Report**—**Don Sabathier** presented the April 2019 financial information, below.

**1 April – 30 April 2019, COT Treasurer Report**

<b><u>Beginning Balance</u></b>	\$ 9,424.02
Revenue Summary	\$ 149.13
Expense Summary	(\$ 27.29 )
<b><u>Ending Balance</u></b>	\$ 9,545.86

Don reminded members to pay 2019 annual dues.

**Membership**—**John Boettiger** presented the following impact data, VT and AT information, and award recipients.

Impact Data	# Adults	# Youth	Total
YTD Totals—April 30	5,823	16,060	21,883

Period	VT Hours	AT Hours	# of Volunteers
YTD Totals—April 30	6,324	905	96

Initial Certification	Recertification 2019 (Warbler Pin)		500 Hours	1000 Hours (Gold Dragonfly Pin)	5000 Hours (Polished Gold Dragonfly Pin with Diamond)
Cathy Sweet	Jim Calvert Lou Golish Jackie Hicks Denis James Larry Kirby Vicki Kirby	Mel McKey Candace Novak Leo Novak Larry Peterson Andy Smith Regina Tippitt	Bill Ahlstrom Ken Sluis	Kristine Rivers	Jim Calvert



**Outreach—Ruby Lewis** presented the upcoming activities listed below and provided sign-up sheets or contact names as applicable. She indicated that May was also going to be a busy month: She has been participating in several career days at various schools, including a pre-school and yesterday at Poe Elementary School.

- **Summer Library Reading Program**—Ruby again provided an overview of this year's programs and circulated sign-up sheets; 34 reptile and sea-and-shore programs are scheduled
- **Nature Day, Sea Center Texas**—May 11; Ruby needs three more people
- **Monarch Education Program**—Megan Mainer is seeking a project coordinator for this new program for fifth graders; the first session is May 17 at Northside Elementary
- **DEEP**—May 21 is last session of the semester
- **Camp Wild**—June 3; TMN Galveston chapter needs volunteers for their annual camp
- **Camp Mohawk and Camp Quintana**—Mike Mullenweg needs more help for Camp Quintana
- **Brazos Mall Father's Day Event in Lake Jackson**—June 1; Mike Mullenweg needs volunteers for fish printing.

**GCBO—Jennifer Horton**, GCBO Education Coordinator, provided an overview of this year's summer camp and some future plans, including a monthly education program at the observatory.

**Data Coordinator—Peggy Romfh** reminded members to enter impact data in VMS and coordinate at the event who will be entering the data as it is easy to forget after the fact.

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

- **GCBO Native Plant Workday**—every Thursday until further notice, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.; contact Chris Kneupper
- **Exploration Green Nursery/Wetland Workday**—May 9 and 23, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.; contact Christie Taylor
- **TCWP @ GCBO Workday**—May 16, 8 a.m. (summer start time); contact Chris Kneupper
- **BCPD Trail Day**—May 16, Hanson Riverside County Park; (third Thursday each month), 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.; contact Mike Mullenweg (Mike indicated that BCPD has a matching grant for volunteer hours that will result in major improvements to the park)
- **GCBO Summer Bird Camp**—June 3 through 7
- **Pearland Natural Resources Workday**—June 6 (first Thursday each month); contact Cullen Ondracek.

**Turtle Patrol Update—Oron Atkins** indicated that so far this year, fewer nests have been found (nine); however, he said that he had recently rescued a soft-shell turtle and a snapping turtle, both of which had been found in/near the surf. He added that there were some new faces at Turtle Patrol Training this year. Also, the new UTV has not yet been moved to Quintana, and UTV training date(s) have not been set.



**Migration Celebration and A Taste for Nature—Marty Cornell**, FOBWR Secretary, provided an overview of attendance for this year’s Migration Celebration and asked members to “save the date” for the biennial A Taste for Nature fundraiser, which will be held on October 18.

**Sea Center Texas—Paul Cason**, TPWD Hatchery Manager and new COT Advisor, provided an overview of volunteer opportunities at SCT and indicated that they need more volunteers.

**Advanced Training—Bob Whitmarsh** presented two opportunities, which will be posted on the Calendar this evening.

- **“Understanding and Using Your Birding Field Guide”**—May 8, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Friendswood Library
- **Texas Stream Team Training**—May 11, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Brazosport College, room B-110.

**State Representative—Connie Stolte** reminded members that she had emailed the newly-revised appendices to the Chapter Operating Handbook for review. There being no further questions, Connie asked Kristine Rivers to conduct the call for a motion and vote, as follows:

Motion	Motion to Approve	Motion Seconded	Vote
Add Appendices 1, 2 and 3 dated April 2019 to the Chapter Operating Handbook (see April General Meeting Minutes for attachment)	Dave Brandes	Peggy Romfh	Motion approved by unanimous voice vote of members present

**Nature Notes—Jim Calvert** spoke on “Tallow Whacking at Brazos Bend State Park.”

Kristine announced a 15-minute break.

**Speaker—Jessica Sannwaldt**, TPWD Sea Center Texas, Coastal Fisheries Management, spoke on “Texas Parks and Wildlife: A Coastal Fisheries Overview.”

The meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m. Time codes allocated for the presentations and general meeting were:

- Presentations Code: "AT: I Received Training," 1.0 hours
- Chapter Business Meetings Code: "CB: Chapter Meetings and Admin," 1.0 hour + travel time.

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

Cc: Board Members  
 Crystal Andablo, AgriLIFE Secretary, [Crystal.Andablo@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Crystal.Andablo@ag.tamu.edu)



**TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION**

**Attendance List**

**Cradle of Texas Master Naturalist**

**May General Meeting**

**COUNTY: Brazoria DATE: May 8, 2019**

Name	Name
1 Pam West	16 LARRY PETERSON
2 Dana Brander	17 Don Sabathiee
3 Regina Tippet	18 Sherie Muzny
4 Helen Salady	19 Bob Whitman
5 Bill Ahlstrom	20 Patty Davis guest
6 Peggy Rowl	21 Mike Bellaf
7 Pete Rowl	22 Jai Chin Young - guest
8 Jim Calvert	23 Timisha Young guest
9 Barbara Bunkhoff	24 Uron Atkins
10 Mary Helen Israel	25 Jo Myers
11 Tom Morris	26 Herb Myers
12 LARRY KUHR	27 David Plunkett
13 Kristine Rivers	28 Jessica Sannwaldt
14 Phil Huford	29 Jimmy Salinas
15 Michael Huaste	30 Elaine Crews

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Name	Name
31 Pam Gason	46 Linda Stuis
32 Candace Natch	47 Mac McKay
33 Phyllis Gerdes	48 Kathy Pittman
34 CHRIS KNEUPPER	49 Julian Brechtiger
35 Jerry Krampote	50 Cherry Sumner
36 Connie Stalter	51 Howard All
37 Beth Reeves	52 Julia Giesler
38 Lisa Myers	53 Mary Stewart
39 Dick Schaffhausen	54 Ned New McLean
40 Jerry Eppner	55 Roy Morgan
41 Christina Hartman	56 Brenda Martin
42 Carl Bork	57 Edward Robles
43 Raulo Johnson	58 Kim Richards
44 Jackie Hicks	59 Janna Witt
45 Ken Stuis	60 Catharine Sweet

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61 Lou Golish	76
62 Mickey Dujilho	77
63 Master Council	78
64 Carl Jones	79
65 Vivu Keen	80
66 Lonny Keen	81
67 Pamela Moorman	82
68 Georgia Monmact	83
69 Mike Mullenweg	84
70 St James	85
71 Susan Conant	86
72 Rose Wayne	87
73 J. Powell	88
74	89
75	90

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