



TMN-COT GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, June 12, 2019, 9:00 a.m. – 11:45 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. She then announced that renovations are to begin on the AgriLIFE building beginning in July and that monthly meetings must be held elsewhere. Pam West indicated that the July, August and September meetings would be held at the First Presbyterian Church at 130 South Arcola Street in Angleton and the parking lot faces Route 35. Reminders will be sent.

Attendance—78 members were in attendance plus three guests.

Host’s Report—**Pam West** thanked this month’s snack team, Howard Allen, Anne Bettinger, Cindy Goodrum, Karen Lederer, Roy Morgan, Mike Mullins, and Kim Richardson.

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

1 March – May 31, 2019, COT Treasurer Report

<u>Beginning Balance</u>	\$ 9,545.86
Revenue Summary	\$ 599.14
Expense Summary	(\$ 49.99)
<u>Ending Balance</u>	\$10,095.01

Don noted that revenue is primarily dues and one, new, life member; expense is monthly Constant Contact charge and cake for May meeting. He added that a few members had not yet paid 2019 annual dues.

2019 TMN-COT ECO Grants—Kristine Rivers provided information on this new COT program to provide grant money for projects that meet the chapter’s mission. One or more grants will be awarded—up to a total of \$500. Handouts with information and an application were made available [see Attachment].

Membership—**John Boettiger** announced that the chapter will have new, short-sleeved T-shirts to wear at outreach events. One shirt will be provided free of charge to each member who has paid 2019 dues and to each intern in the upcoming 2019 class. John circulated a sign-up sheet to indicate size preference. Additional shirts are available for \$7 each.

John then presented the following impact data, VT and AT information, and award recipients.

Impact Data	# Adults	# Youth	Total
YTD Totals—May 31	7,678	23,443	31,121



Period	VT Hours	AT Hours	# of Volunteers
YTD Totals—May 31	7,837	976	97 (of 107 active members)

Initial Certification	Recertification 2019 (Warbler Pin)			250 Hours	500 Hours
Mike Hampy	Ed Barrios Barbara Burkhardt John Minkert Sheree Muzny	Jo Myers Larry Ruhr Jimmy Salinas Ken Sluis	Linda Sluis Chip Sweet George Valadez	Regina Tippet	George Valadez

Outreach—Ruby Lewis stated that Summer Reading Program sessions to date had been well attended and offered two new features: a legless lizard and Candace Novak’s frog songs. Ruby then presented the upcoming activities listed below and provided sign-up sheets or contact names as applicable.

- **Brazoria County Library System Summer Reading Program**—Needs more volunteers for July; contact Ruby Lewis
- **Brazoria County Parks Department Summer Camps**—Mike Mullenweg said that he could use more help for next week’s camp at Camp Mohawk County Park and needs counselors and volunteers for July’s camp at Quintana Beach County Park
- **Pomona Neighborhood Fishing Event**—Mike Mullenweg said that volunteers are needed for June 15.

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 Workdays**—Every Thursday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; contact Chris Kneupper
- **Exploration Green Nursery / Wetland Workday**—June 13, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.; contact Christie Taylor
- **TCWP at GCBO Workday**—June 20, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.; contact Chris Kneupper
- **BCPD Trail Day**—CANCELLED FOR JUNE; Hanson Riverside County Park; (third Thursday each month), 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.; contact Mike Mullenweg.

Turtle Patrol Update—Oron Atkins said that the UTV at Matagorda Peninsula was out for repairs, but a club car was in use instead. Nests had recently been found in Surfside and Galveston.

Oron noted that he will email information about the citizen science program T/OPP, the Texas/Oklahoma Pollinator Program.

Advanced Training—Bob Whitmarsh presented two opportunities, which are posted on the Calendar.

- Coastal Prairie and Galveston Bay TMN chapter meetings



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- Native Plant Society of Texas at University of Houston Clear Lake and Houston Arboretum chapter meetings.

Bob reminded members to save the date, Saturday, January 18, for the 2020 Bonus AT Day, "Fauna of the Upper Texas Coast."

American Eel Project—John Boettiger provided a brief wrap-up of the project by saying that although no American Eels were found, many exciting observations were made. He added that Stephen Curtis wants all remaining data turned in and thanks all participants. Forty-five percent of the total project data was collected by COT participants

Nature Notes—Peggy Romfh spoke on "Lichens."

Kristine announced a 15-minute break and reminded everyone of Teri McArthur's walk and talk after lunch today at BEES and that the October COT general meeting will be a field trip with various sessions at Quintana Beach County Park.

Speaker—Teri McArthur: "Mushrooms and Fungi" (includes an additional "Walk and Talk" AT session after the chapter meeting at BEES).

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 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," 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



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TEXAS Master Naturalist

Attendance List
Cradle of Texas Master Naturalist
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Name	Name
1 Don SABATHIER	16 Jo Myer
2 Pam West	17 Herb Myer
3 Pam Peltier	18 Mary Helen Kraft
4 ROY MORGAN	19 Dave Brandon
5 George Valadez	20 Tracy Sproun
6 Jane Stutzinger	21 Kyle Purvis
7 Jimmy Salinas	22 Lisa Myers
8 PETE ROMFH	23 Ed BARNOLD
9 PEGGY ROMFH	24 Tom Morris
10 Luanne Salinas	25 Ken Sluis
11 Michael Abbott	26 Linda Sluis
12 Ellen Basseler	27 Bob Janes
13 MIKE HAMPT	28 Karen Glider
14 Phil Hurford	29 Jan Cook
15 Carl Dodson	30 Kristine Dukes

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Name	Name
31 Phyllis Mendes	46 John Battiger
32 LARRY PETERSON	47 Candace Nark
33 Dorina West	48 Lew Nark
34 Catherine Sweet	49 Brenda Martin
35 Chip Sweet	50 Vicki Kinn
36 Mike Mullins	51 Leann Kenny
37 Janet Jordan	52 Mike Mullenweg
38 CHRIS KNEUPPER	53 Jillian Nance
39 Patty Brinkmeyer	54 Jim Nance
40 LARRY RUHA	55 MARY SCHWARTZ
41 Jerry Krampitz	56 Kathy Pittman
42 Jim Collier	57 Jackie Hicks
43 Howard Allen	58 Bob Whitman
44 Edward Peebles	59 JOYCELYNN GRIGSON
45 May Heller	60 Ruby

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61 Anna King	76 Rainbo Johnson
62 Paul Jones	77 Karlie Greenwood
63 John Minkert	78 Susan Cox
64 Julia Gogular	79
65 Jo Anna Harlan	80
66 Lewis Galich	81
67 Regina Lippert	82
68 Jo McLaughlin	83
69 Bill Ahlstrom	84
70 Robert Salzer	85
71 Steve Muzny	86
72 Mel McKoy	87
73 Kim Richardson	88
74 Georgia Monnerat	89
75 Rose Wynn	90

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ATTACHMENT



2019 TMN-COT ECO Fund Grant Application

The purpose of the TMN-COT ECO Fund Program is to provide support for specific projects that will enhance the chapter's mission to provide education, outreach, and service dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within the Brazoria County community.

TMN-COT will grant up to \$500 in 2019 for ECO Fund projects. Grant recipients will be announced at the September 2019 chapter meeting.

Completed applications must be received by Friday, August 30, 2019. You may submit your application to Chapter President Kristine Rivers via email to rivers@tmn-cot.org, or in person at any chapter meeting.

The Board ECO Fund Committee will screen all entries to ensure that applications are complete and consistent with the intent of the program. The Committee will decide by consensus upon the funds to be granted (in one or more grants) after reviewing all qualified applications.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicant must have been an active, dues-paying TMN-COT chapter member and achieved certification for the previous two calendar years.
- If the planned project involves work with a chapter partner, applicant must receive approval in advance from the partner before submitting application and include the name of the person within that organization who will oversee the project.
- Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.
- Previous recipients of the grant are ineligible to apply in consecutive years.

Acceptable uses of the grant include:

- Implementation of a new project with a chapter partner
- Expansion of a current project with a chapter partner
- Development of educational materials for a specific project
- Development of materials to be used for outreach events

Responsibilities of recipients:

- Provide documentation of all grant project expenses to Chapter Treasurer.
- Report on project progress to the Board of Directors at the March 2020 Board meeting.
- Present an overview of the completed ECO Fund Grant project at the September 2020 chapter meeting. *(Confirm and review the upcoming presentation with the Program Chair by August 2020.)*
- Recipients who fail to use the funds according to the guidelines are required to refund the grant to TMN-COT.

Questions: Send questions regarding the TMN-COT ECO Fund Grant application to rivers@tmn-cot.org.

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Cradle of Texas Chapter

2019 ECO Fund Grant Application Form

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Describe your planned ECO Fund project, including the amount you are requesting:
(Attach additional pages if needed)

Will the planned project involve work with one of TMN-COT's partner organizations? Yes ___ No ___

If you answered yes above, you must receive approval in advance from the partner before submitting your application. Provide the name and title of the person within the organization who will oversee the project:

The mission of TMN-COT is to provide education, outreach, and service dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within the Brazoria County community.

How would your project support TMN-COT's mission? *(Attach additional pages if needed)*

If I receive an ECO Fund Grant, I agree to abide by the rules as stated on page 1 of this form. I understand that should I fail to do so, I will be required to refund the grant money to TMN-COT.

Signature: _____ Date: _____