



TMN-COT GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, August 14, 2019, 9:00 a.m. – 11:18 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church, 130 South Arcola Street, Angleton, Texas

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

Attendance—73 members were in attendance plus five guests.

Host’s Report—**Pam West** thanked this month’s snack team: Bill Ahlstrom, Marty Cornell, Phyllis Gerdes, Lisa Myers, and Robert Salzer. She announced that the Brazoria County Library System will supply snacks at the September meeting.

Kristine reminded members that the October meeting’s field day will be held at the Quintana Beach County Park from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Kris and Oron Atkins will offer additional activities, birding and turtle patrol, after the scheduled meeting.

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

1 July – July 31, 2019, COT Treasurer Report

<u>Beginning Balance</u>	\$ 10,497.56
Revenue Summary	\$ 24.14
Expense Summary	(\$ 818.00)
<u>Ending Balance</u>	\$ 9,703.79

Don noted that expenses are primarily for the member T-shirts and Constant Contact.

Membership—**John Boettiger** presented the following impact data, VT and AT information, and award recipients. Larry Ruhr, who achieved the 500-hour milestone last month, was also recognized. John indicated that the new COT T-shirts would be distributed during the break.

Impact Data	# Adults	# Youth	Total
YTD Totals—July 31	10,121	27,295	37,416

Period	VT Hours	AT Hours	# of Volunteers
YTD Totals—July 31	10,385	1,149	98 (of 105 active members)

Recertification 2019 (Warbler Pin)		500 Hours	1000 Hours
Bill Ahlstrom	Ellen Lasseter	Chip Sweet	Herb Myers Don Sabathier
Julia Geisler	Georgia Monnerat		
Cindy Goodrum	Rose Wagner		



Outreach—Ruby Lewis presented the upcoming activities listed below and provided sign-up sheets or contact names as applicable.

- **FOBWR DEEP Field Trips at BNWR**—Begin September 17 on most Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the fall.
- **GCBO Xtreme Hummingbird Xtravaganza**—September 14 and 21, 8:00 a.m. to 12 p.m.; contact Jennifer Horton
- **COT Booth at GCBO Xtreme Hummingbird Xtravaganza**—September 14 and 21; contact Ruby Lewis
- **KBR Kids Day at Guadalupe Plaza**—October 12, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Galveston State Park**—November 9.

She indicated that 3,198 participants and 44 volunteers attended COT's programs at Brazoria County Library System's Summer Reading Programs.

GCBO—Jennifer Horton thanked those who volunteered at GCBO's summer camp and announced the following volunteer opportunities:

- **GCBO Xtreme Hummingbird Xtravaganza** (see above)
- **On-going outreach activities**
- **Volunteer Orientation**—August 31 (most who have volunteered in the past are grandfathered and not required to attend training)

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>.

- **Bryan Adams Memorial Bench Dedication at BASF Planetarium**—September 8, 2 p.m. (no VT)
- **Gulf Coast Wildlife Rescue**—Cage building in Bay City; contact Oron Atkins
- **TPWD Apple Snail Sign Installation and Snail Removal**; see email; contact Oron Atkins or Kristine Rivers
- **Exploration Green Nursery / Wetland Workday**—August 22 and 29, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.; contact Christie Taylor
- **TCWP at GCBO Workday**—August 15, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.; contact Chris Kneupper
- **GCBO Pond Workdays**—August 15 and 19; contact Phil Huxford
- **GCBO Neotropic Bird Sanctuary Canopy Extension**—Dates TBD
- **GCBO Native Plant Workdays**—Every Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; contact Chris Kneupper
- **Pearland Natural Resources Workday**—Second Thursday (August 8) each month; contact Cullen Ondracek
- **BCPD Trail Day**—Third Thursday each month, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.; contact Mike Mullenweg
- **GCBO Xtreme Hummingbird Xtravaganza**—September 14 and 21, 8:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. Contact Jennifer Horton; contact Chris Kneupper to help with plant sales.



A Taste for Nature—Marty Cornell provided information on the target of FOBWR's fundraiser on October 18—Cannon Bend Recreation Area. Volunteers and attendees are welcome. See Lisa Myers or Marty for tickets.

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

- **National Prairie Society of TX Clear Lake: Monarchs**—August 12
- **Mercer Park Lunch Bunch: Birds of a Feather**—August 14
- **National Prairie Society of TX Houston: Ecological Benefits of Urban Wetlands**—August 15
- **Monarch Webinar**—August 27
- **TMN Coastal Prairie: Texas Plants**—September 5
- **National Prairie Society of TX Clear Lake: Hows & Whys of iNaturalist**—September 9
- **Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) Angleton: Beginning Birding**—September 17- November 5
- **National Prairie Society of TX Houston: Native Trees in the Landscape**—September 19
- **Wildscapes Workshop, Native Plant Society**—September 21; up to 4 hours AT.

Kristine noted that Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) needs volunteer instructors; contact Ed Peebles or her.

State Representative—Connie Stolte reminded members of the annual TMN State Meeting, October 18 to 20. A link to registration is available on the COT webpage.

Chapter Advisor—John O'Connell noted that intern training begins at BEES on September 4 with nine confirmed applicants so far. The training committee is interested in holding an evening/Saturday training option in the future.

Nature Notes—Candace Novak speaking on "Mollusks, the animals within the exoskeletons."

Kristine announced a 15-minute break.

Speaker—Dr. Robert Lonard, biologist and professor emeritus, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley: "The Barrier Islands of Texas."

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m. Time codes allocated for the presentations and general meeting were:

- Presentations Code: "AT: I Received Training," 1.25 hour(s)
- Chapter Business Meetings Code: "CB: Chapter Meetings and Admin," 1.0 hour + travel time.

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

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ATTACHMENT (attendance sheets)

Aug. General Meeting

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| 1. Kristine Rivers | 26. Robert Salzer |
| 2. Connie Stoltz | 27. Don SABATHIEK |
| 3. Herb Myers | 28. Sherry Jones |
| 4. Jo Myers | 29. Larry Kirby |
| 5. Jeanne Spunar | 30. Vicki Kirby |
| 6. Jane Spunar | 31. Brenda Martia |
| 7. Mary Helen Israel | 32. Linda Sluis |
| 8. Phil Hufford | 33. Ken Sluis |
| 9. Jim Glodt | 34. Bob Whitman |
| 10. PATT ROMPH | 35. Ruby Lewis |
| 11. PATT ROMPH | 36. MARY SCHWARTZ |
| 12. LEO NOUAK | 37. Regina Tippett |
| 13. CAP OAK NOUAK | 38. David Plunkett |
| 14. Howard Alder | 39. Owen Atkins |
| 15. LARRY RUHR | 40. Jerry Krampetz |
| 16. Neal McLain | 41. Lois Golish |
| 17. Tom Morris | 42. Kim Richards |
| 18. Mike Hampy | 43. Mike Mullenweg |
| 19. Debbie Nance | 44. Kathy Pittman |
| 20. Jim Nance | 45. Roy Morgan |
| 21. Kathy Purvis | 46. Bill Ahlstrom |
| 22. Kyle Purvis | 47. Cathy Sweet |
| 23. CHRIS KNEUPPER | 48. CAR SUGET |
| 24. Barbara Bryner | 49. Jimmy Salinas (over) |
| 25. Christina Hartman | |

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| 50. DAVE BRANDES |
| 51. D. Jones |
| 52. Jayclynn Grigson |
| 53. Barbara Burkhardt |
| 54. Mallie Steenwood |
| 55. Pam West |



Attendance List

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COUNTY: Brazoria

DATE: August 14, 2019

Name	Name
1 Phyllis Herdes	16 MIKE BETTORT
2 Mallie Steenwood	17 John Buttiger
3 Jeff Doodin	18 Lisa L Myers
4 Peggy Runk	19
5 Pete Runk	20
6 Dick Schaeffer	21
7 Edward Runk	22
8 LARRY PETERSON	23
9 Georgia Mannerat	24
10 J. O'Connell	25
11 Rose Wagner	26
12 MARTY CORNELL	27
13 John Minker +	28
14 Susan Conaty	29
15 BRYAN FRAZIER	30