



TMN-COT GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, September 11, 2019, 9:00 a.m. – 11:25 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—66 members were in attendance.

Host’s Report—Pam West thanked the Brazoria County Library System for providing snacks. Those scheduled to bring snacks in September were asked to bring them to the October field day. Pam announced that she was stepping down as chapter host; if interested in the position, let her know.

Kristine indicated that she was not running for president for 2020; interested members should contact the Nominating Chairperson, Dave Brandes. She then reminded members that the October meeting is a field day to be held at the Quintana Beach County Park from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.; a variety of activities is planned.

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

1 August – August 31, 2019, COT Treasurer Report

<u>Beginning Balance</u>	\$ 9,703.79
Revenue Summary	\$ 552.13
Expense Summary	(\$ 1,417.14)
<u>Ending Balance</u>	\$ 8,838.78

Don noted that expenses are primarily for Directors and Officers insurance, registration fee to State Meeting for the president, and additional books for intern training. Revenue is primarily intern fees and a \$100 donation in memory of Ellis Burkhardt.

Membership—John Boettiger reminded members to pick up their chapter-provided T-shirt; there are several extra shirts available at \$7 each. He then presented the following impact data, VT and AT information, and award recipients, which Pete and Peggy Romfh provided for announcement at the September General Meeting. There will be a cake at the break to commemorate Tom Morris’ achieving 5000 volunteer hours.

Impact Data	# Adults	# Youth	Total
YTD Totals—August 31	10,999	28,176	39,175



Period	VT Hours	AT Hours	# of Volunteers
YTD Totals—August 31	11,287	1,227	99 (of 105 active members)

Recertification 2019	250 Hours	5000 Hours
Jerry Eppner Robert Salzer	Mary Schwartz	Tom Morris

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

- **GCBO Extreme 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
- **Science Fest at Lake Jackson Historical Museum**—September 21, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- **Hogtober at Varner Hogg Plantation**—October 5, 12 p.m. to ?
- **KBR Kids Day in Houston**—October 12, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Surfside Nature Fest**—October 12, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Spooktacular at Sea Center Texas**—October 27, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Nature Fest at Seaborne Creek Park, Rosenberg**—November 2, 10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Nature Walk About at Galveston State Park**—November 9, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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>.

- **Exploration Green Nursery / Wetland Workday**—September 12, 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. and September 21, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.; contact Christie Taylor
- **TCWP at GCBO Workday**—September 19, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.; contact Chris Kneupper
- **GCBO Native Plant Workdays**—Every Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; contact Chris Kneupper
- **GCBO New Pond Construction**—contact Phil Huxford for dates and times
- **Pearland Natural Resources Workday**—Second Thursday this month; contact Cullen Ondracek
- **BCPD Trail Day**—Third Thursday each month, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.; contact Mike Mullenweg
- **Brazos Bend State Park Butterfly Count**—September 29, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; contact Rich Jespersen.

A Taste for Nature—Ed Barrios provided information on the target of FOBWR's fundraiser on October 18—Cannan Bend Recreation Area. Volunteers and attendees are welcome; see sign-up sheet to volunteer.

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



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Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI)—Kristine noted that OLLI in Angleton 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.

Film Screening—Bill Ahlstrom informally polled members regarding their interest in a screening of the film Greenfire; it would entail a license fee.

ECO Fund Grant—Kristine Rivers reminded members to apply for the grant. Applications are available via the website.

Chapter Advisor—John O’Connell noted that intern training began at BEES on September 4 with nineteen interns. John introduced the interns and a group photo was taken at the end of the meeting.

Captain Shish Ka Bob—John O’Connell asked for volunteers for the event held at Brazoria County Fairgrounds in November.

Nature Notes—Dr. Susan Heath of GCBO spoke on the Loggerhead Shrike Project.

Kristine announced a 15-minute break.

Speaker—Dr. Glen Jones, Professor, Texas A & M University, Galveston spoke on “The World’s Most Erosive Coastline.”

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m. Time codes allocated for the presentations and general meeting were:

- Presentations Code: "AT: I Received Training," 1.5 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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