



TMN-COT GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, November 13, 2019, 9:00 a.m. – 11:45 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—54 members were in attendance.

Host's Report—**Pam West** thanked this month's snack team: Bill Ahlstrom, Ellen Lasseter, Michael Lasseter, Kim Richardson, Kristine Rivers, Larry Ruhr, and Rose Wagner. She distributed signup sheets for food to bring to the Hog Wild Holiday Feast next month and for next year's snack teams.

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

1 October – October 31, 2019, COT Treasurer Report

<u>Beginning Balance</u>	\$ 9,648.08
Revenue Summary	\$ 24.13
Expense Summary	(\$ 192.91)
<u>Ending Balance</u>	\$ 9,479.30

Membership—**John Boettiger** reminded members to pick up their chapter T-shirts and 2019 recertification pins and mentioned that there were still a few T-shirts available for purchase at \$7 each. He then presented the following impact data, VT and AT information, and award recipients, which Pete and Peggy Romfh provided.

Impact Data	# Adults	# Youth	Total
YTD Totals—October 31	14,942	32,693	47,635

Period	VT Hours	AT Hours	# of Volunteers
YTD Totals—October 31	14,219	1,637	118 (of 123 active members and interns)

Recertification 2019	
Patty Brinkmeyer	Mike Mullenweg
Sandy Henderson	Connie Stolte
Anna King	Sherry Summers
Michael Lasseter	



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**—November 16, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; contact Christie Taylor
- **Exploration Green Squawk Watch Birding Tours**—November 16, 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 12:15 p.m., or 1:15 p.m.; leaders are needed (VT); 1 hour AT if a novice
- **TCWP at GCBO Workday**—November 17, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; contact Chris Kneupper
- **GCBO Native Plant Workdays**—Every Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; contact Chris Kneupper
- **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
- **Smith Point Hawk Watch**—Daily through November 30, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **GCBO Quintana Neotropical Bird Sanctuary Expansion**—November 15, 16 (most need), and 17, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; contact Martin Hagne
- **DEEP at BNWR**—November 14, 19, 21, December 3 and 5, 8:30 a.m. to ~2:00 p.m.; contact Tom Schneider or Ruby Lewis
- **Bobcat Woods Trail**—the refuge is ready to resume building; Oron will post dates
- **Apple Snail Removal**—dates TBD; need trained kayak leaders
- **Audubon Christmas Bird Counts**—December through early January
- **OLLI Speaking Opportunities**—January and February; contact Kristine Rivers.

Peggy Romfh encouraged members to visit the rebuilt Bobcat Woods Trail, saying that it is very impressive.

Sea Center Texas Fishing Programs—**Paul Cason** said that there are volunteer opportunities throughout the year to help teach kids to fish. Volunteers are also needed as tour guides and for the touch tank.

Kristine thanked Brazoria County Parks Department personnel for hosting October's Fall Field Day.

Advanced Training—**Bob Whitmarsh** presented several opportunities, which are posted on the Calendar. Bill reminded members to register by December 15 for the Bonus AT Day (title: "Fauna on the Upper Coast") on January 25 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. After December 15, other chapters will be invited.

- **Public Speaking**—November 9, Houston
- **Mycology**—November 11, Clear Lake
- **Why Ecology Matters**—November 16, La Marque; three-hour workshop
- **Monarch Migration**—November 19, Spring Branch Garden Club (focus on pollinator plants)
- **Terrestrial Bromeliads**—November 20, Houston Cactus and Succulent Society.



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State Meeting Recap—Kristine stated that the state organization emphasized creating within chapters a welcoming atmosphere in which everyone feels comfortable. To that end, the board is developing a policy that will be shared in the near future.

Connie Stolte said that almost 700 people attended the State Meeting. Many of the presentations concerned local flora and fauna; there were many field trips offered. At the State Representative meeting, TMN project signs were made available; a TMN license plate will be available next year; a new pop-up store will be offered quarterly; and the goal of the TMN endowment is \$5 million, which will be used to fund chapter projects.

Bill Ahlstrom added that there were many exhibitors and many sessions offered. His favorite session concerned the Ellis Prison chapter of TMN.

2020 State Meeting—Kristine noted that the 2020 State Meeting on October 15 through 18 will take place in Houston, and area chapters have been asked to co-host. There are many opportunities for COT participation.

At Kristine's request, members agreed to start the **December General Meeting** at 11:00 a.m. and the Hog Wild Annual Holiday feast will follow.

Cannan Bend Recreation Area (CBRA) of San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge—Marty Cornell presented the CBRA "bird's eye" view video (footage taken by Mike Mullins) shown at A Taste for Nature (ATFN) that highlights this planned, USFWS recreation area underwritten by the approximately \$55K in funds raised at ATFN.

Nature Notes—Chip Sweet spoke on "Tardigrades."

Kristine announced a 10-minute break.

Speaker— April Russell of Sea Center Texas spoke on "Marine Microplankton."

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," 1.25 hours
- 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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TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION

Date 11/13/2019
 Meeting Title General mtg

TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST—CRADLE OF TEXAS CHAPTER

Name	Name
1. LARRY PETERSEN	23. Mary Helen Israel
2. Ardyn May-Monie	24. Ed Bowers
3. Kim Richardson	25. Barbara Buhstett
4. Anna King	26. Mike Mullin
5. Lisa Myers	27. Roy Mayan
6. Peggy Romell	28. Debbie Nance
7. Pete Romell	29. Jim Nance
8. Bob Whitman	30. Phil Huxford
9. Bill Ahlstrom	31. Jackie Hicks
10. Don ATKINS	32. Patti Brinkmeyer
11. Michael Hasseler	33. Christina Hartman
12. Ellen Hasseler	34. Mary Holler
13. George Voladz	35. Jerry Eppert
14. Dan SABATHIER	36. Dick Schaffhausen
15. Pam West	37. Jerry Krampota
16. Catherine Sweet	38. Rose Meyer
17. CHIP SWEET	39. Jim Colvert
18. Cindy Goodrum	40. Sheryl Muzny
19. DAVE BRANDES	41. Mel McKey
20. Irene Nass	42. Candee Nark
21. April Russell	43. India Geisler
22. Pam Cass	44. JoAnna Hester

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Date 11-13-19
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TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST—CRADLE OF TEXAS CHAPTER

Name	Name
45. MIKE BETTORF	67.
46. Pam Peltier	68.
47. Georgia Monnerat	69.
48. Donna Graham	70.
49. Sherry Jumper	71.
50. Carol Jones	72.
51. Louie Golish	73.
52. Connie Stoltz	74.
53. LARRY RUHR	75.
54. Justin Dent	76.
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