



TMN-COT GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, January 8, 2020, 9:00 a.m. – 12:50 p.m.
Texas AgriLIFE Extension Building, 21017 CR 171 Angleton, Texas

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

Attendance—90 members were in attendance and one guest.

Host’s Report—**Rose Wagner** thanked this month’s snack team: Patty Brinkmeyer, Jackie Hicks, Ellen Lasseter, Michael Lasseter, Ruby Lewis, and Candace Novak. She distributed a sign-up sheet to bring snacks to the Bonus AT Day.

Introduction of the 2020 Board—**Bill Ahlstrom** thanked the 2019 board and presented gifts to outgoing president Kristine Rivers and communications director Neal McLain.

He then introduced the 2020 board: John O’Connell and Paul Cason, Chapter Advisors; Kristine Rivers, Immediate Past President; Mickey Dufilho, Vice President; Lisa Myers, Secretary; Don Sabathier, Treasurer; Connie Stolte, State Representative; Mary Schwartz, New Class Director; Ruby Lewis, Outreach Director; Oron Atkins, Volunteer Programs Director; Bob Whitmarsh, Advanced Training Director; John Boettiger, Membership Director; Rose Wagner, Chapter Host; and Larry Peterson, Communications Director.

He added that Dave Brandes replaces Peggy and Pete Romfh as Data Manager.

Data Manager—**Dave Brandes** presented the following impact data, VT and AT information, noting that data for the year will not be finalized until mid-February. He reminded members that they can still enter hours for 2019 per the 45-day rule and of the importance of entering all hours past the minimum recertification requirements.

Dave presented graphs of the chapter’s 2019 accomplishments, including: 17,527 volunteer hours results in at least \$392,955 in economic impact for TPWD; distribution of volunteer hours by opportunity; various chapter statistics.

Impact Data*	# Adults	# Youth	Total
YTD Totals—December 31, 2019	15,718	33,199	48,917

Period*	VT Hours	AT Hours	# of Volunteers
YTD Totals—December 31, 2019	17,527	1,828	118 (of 122 active members and interns)

* Data for 2019 will be finalized after February 15 due to the 45-day hours-entry rule.

Treasurer’s Report—**Don Sabathier** presented the December 2020 financial information, below. Don reminded members that he was now collecting the 2020, \$25 membership dues.



1 December – 31 December 2020, COT Treasurer Report

<u>Beginning Balance</u>	\$ 9,014.58
Revenue Summary	\$ 24.12
Expense Summary	(\$ 601.91) ¹
<u>Ending Balance</u>	\$ 8,436.79

¹ Primarily new training-class expenses.

Membership—John Boettiger announced the following 2019 recertifications, all from the class of 2019. He thanked Ed Barrios for opening his home to the Hog Wild Holiday Party, and he reminded those who had not yet done so to pick up their t-shirts and background-check cards.

Recertification 2019		
Kathy Puttman	Kyle Purvis	Paula Hanson (recognized in Nov.)

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>. Oron added that Peggy and Pete Romfh had given him the Stream Team reagent supply, and if anyone needed some, they should see him.

- **Exploration Green Nursery / Wetland Workday**—January 9 and 30, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; contact Christie Taylor
- **TCWP at GCBO Workday**—January 16, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; contact Chris Kneupper
- **GCBO Native Plant Workday**—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
- **Bobcat Woods Trail Boardwalk Extension**—TBD; contact Oron Atkins.

Bobcat Woods Trail Boardwalk at SBNWR—Oron Atkins presented a slide show on this project supported by Friends of Brazoria Wildlife Refuges, and on which several COT members have worked. He added that work on the final 256 feet (of 1300 feet total) had resumed; those interested in working on the project should let him know.

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

- **DEEP at BNWR**—January 9, 14, 16, 23, 28, 30, February 4, 6, (also 20, 25, 27), 8:30 a.m. to ~2:00 p.m.; contact Tom Schneider or Ruby Lewis
- **BASF Planetarium’s Scholastic Bowl Fundraiser**—February 20.

Ruby then provided data on **Friends of Brazoria Wildlife Refuges’ annual Holiday Open House** (December 26 through January 1) at Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge.



- 701 signed in (more attended)
- 18 volunteers participated (most also COT members)
- 22 U.S states and 11 countries represented.

Advanced Training—Bob Whitmarsh presented several opportunities, which will be posted today on the Calendar. Bob reminded members of the January 25 Bonus AT Day.

- **Clearlake Native Plant Society (meeting speaker)**—January 13
- **Houston Native Plant Society (meeting speaker)**—January 16
- **Coastal Prairie (program)**—February 6
- **OLLI Programs, Angleton (presented by COT members)**—January 14 (Minerals and Gems), 17 (Common Plants and Rare Oaks of the Columbia Bottomlands), 31 (Understanding Climate Change)

New Class Director—Mary Schwartz presented the Class of 2019 with their program certificates and reminded members to have a piece of celebratory cake during the break.

Chapter New Editor—Lisa Myers requested content from members, indicated that it was not necessary to write the article—just provide image(s) and a brief write-up. Any relevant topic is acceptable, including content related to nature outside of Brazoria County.

Bill announced a 10-minute break.

Nature Notes—Mickey Dufilho spoke on “A Lethal Parasite of Monarch Butterflies.”

Speaker—Susan Conaty spoke on “History of Nash Prairie and Other Dumb-Luck Stories According to Me.”

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m. Time codes allocated for the presentations and general meeting were:

- Presentations Code: "AT: I Received Training," 2 hours
- Chapter Business Meetings Code: "CB: Chapter Meetings and Admin," 1.25 hours + travel time.

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

Attachment: Attendance sign-in sheets

Cc: Board Members
Crystal Andablo, AgriLIFE Secretary, Crystal.Andablo@ag.tamu.edu



TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION T E X A S Master Naturalist

Attendance List
Cradle of Texas Master Naturalist
January General Meeting
COUNTY: Brazoria DATE: January 8, 2020

Individuals with disabilities, who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in any Extension activity, are encouraged to contact the County Extension Office for assistance 5 days prior to the activity.

Name	Name
1 Don Sabathier	16 Cindy Goodrum
2 Carolyn May-Moniac	17 Ed Purvies
3 Dawn Atkins	18 Bob Whitmeyer
4 Lisa Myers	19 J. Mandell
5 Geena Ovelde	20 David Plunkett
6 Dotty Brinkmeier	21 MARY CORNELL
7 Pam West	22 Barbara Brangore
8 Michael Lasseter	23 Elaine Crews
9 Ellen Lasseter	24 Jerry Krampetz
10 Christina Hartman	25 Dought Stegler
11 Mike Humpy	26 Debbie Nance
12 MARY HELEN ISPEL	27 Jo Myers
13 Dawn Branda	28 Herb Myers
14 CHRIS KNEUPPER	29 Jim Nance
15 LARRY PETERSON	30 Kathy Pittman

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31 Cindy Vincent	46 Roy McCann
32 Phil Huford	47 Bev Walton
33 Susan Patton	48 Barbara Yaker
34 Rose Wagner	49 Ben Sluis
35 Mickey DuSilva	50 Louis Secord
36 Jane Bettiger	51 Paula Hanson
37 George Bettiger	52 Beth Reeves
38 Janet Johnson	53 Jimmy Salinas
39 Jopelynn Brisson	54 Luann Salinas
40 John Bettiger	55 Barbara Smith
41 MAZI SHWARTZ	56 Jackie Hicks
42 Candace Norval	57 Regina Tippett
43 Brenda Stitt	58 LARRY KIRBY
44 Dick Schaffhausen	59 Vicki Kirby
45 Mike Mullins	60 Brenda Martin

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61 Jim Conner	76 Robert Selzer
62 Janet Jackson Ellis	77 CHIP SWEET
63 Darryl Ellis	78 Cynthia Grandam
64 Dennis James	79 Anne Witt
65 LARRY RUMH	80 Susan Coats
66 Kim Richardson	81 BRYAN FRAZIER
67 Bill Ahlstrom	82 Cheryl Sumner
68 Georgia Monnerat	83 Edward Beckles
69 Mike Bellant	84 Mike Mullenweg
70 Pam Peltier	85 Connie Stoltz
71 Kimberly Johnson	86 Justina Dent
72 Kyle Purvis	87 NEAL McLAIN
73 Kathy Purvis	88 Melanice Hollenshead
74 Sandy Hendrix	89 Jerry Spren
75 Jimmie Davis	90 Lou Golish

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