



CRADLE OF TEXAS CHAPTER

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Minutes: General Meeting, February 14, 2007

President Ed Barrios called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Tom Morris presented the service awards for January.

Re-certification—40 Hours VT/8 Hours AT: **Ruby Lewis, Monica Krancevic**

!CONGRATULATIONS!

There is a new form for tracking 2007 volunteer hours. Tom asked that anyone having problems with downloading the form from the internet, please contact him. He will be happy to work with you to solve your problems. Also, if you run out of space to record your time before the end of the year, please contact Tom.

Jerry Eppner, Treasurer, announced that dues for 2007 are now due. Jerry presented the information given at the Feb. 7th board meeting (See February Board Minutes for details). 2006 treasurer, Jan Kater left the books in excellent shape and they are ready to be audited. The balance as of today is ~about \$3200.00. Members are asked to pay their dues as soon as possible: \$10.00, Family--\$15.00, Supporting--\$25.00, Life--\$225.00 (one time assessment) (See Chapter Policies and Procedures, pg. 10, for complete information. The renewal form is found on pg. 34 of Policies and Procedures (P/P.) Because of the growth of the chapter, training fees are no longer sufficient to finance the chapter. In order to have a positive cash flow, dues are necessary. Jerry asked that we all look carefully at our expenditures and to try to find ways to save the chapter money.

Connie Stolte reminded the membership about Family Day at Sea Center, Saturday, March 3, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. She needs help with the Nature Walk Scavenger Hunt (10:00-12:00) for the kids. Please let her know if you can give her some time. There will be several training sessions offered during the day. These will count as advanced training for COT members.

Ed presented the changes to the chapter P/P voted on at the board meeting. He reminded the members that the chapter by-laws state: "Voting membership in the Chapter shall be extended to TMN members and Certified TMN with dues in good standing for the current fiscal year.", ARTICLE IV, Section A, page 3.

The proposed changes upon which the membership was asked to vote are:

- ◆ Present wording: "Notification to the general membership must be made prior to the Board's final vote." Change wording to: Approval by the general membership must be given prior....
- ◆ The membership and the training chairmen shall be elected as general directors to the board, by the general membership. These positions will have voting privileges. These will not be term-limited.
- ◆ The new training class will elect two representatives to serve on the Board for a 1 year term, at the final training session. The representatives will be non-voting members of the board.
- ◆ Our active partner list is in constant evolution. The list of partners is part of the P/P. The board requested that these be placed as an addendum to the P/P instead of within the P/P document, so that amending the list does not require a formal vote each time it is changed.

The members were asked to vote on the changes. All motions passed by a large majority. The changes will be finalized and included in the P/P for the chapter at the March Board meeting.

Carl Dodson reminded the members of the upcoming classes at INEOS on February 23rd, March 2nd and 9th. Carl needs at least six people to conduct the classes on Estuaries, Owl Pellets, and Birding. Please contact Carl if you can help. Our names must be submitted to INEOS for their plant security requirements. They also provide us with a catered lunch.

Those attending the presentation on "Feral Hogs on the Mid-Coast Refuges", receive credit for **2 hours of AT**.

Respectively submitted:
Barbara Burkhardt
Secretary

March Board Meeting: Wednesday, March 7, 3:00-5:00 p.m., Extension Service, Angleton

March General Meeting: Wednesday, March 14, 9:00 a.m., Extension Service, Angleton. Teri McAuthor, TMN, Heartwood Chapter will present "TEXAS MUSHROOMS".