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## **TMN COT April 14, 2010 General Meeting Minutes**

**President David Brandes** opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

### **Awards**

Jerry Eppner, Membership Chairman, presented 2010 Recertification Awards to David Brandes, Laura Brandes, Gerald Forrest, Denis Mudderman, Sandy Henderson, John Battle, Rainbo Johnson and Kirby Rapstein.

The 2010 recertification pin is a Wood Duck.

The 250 hour volunteer time award was presented to John Battle.

Jerry has received seventeen 2010 time sheet submittals.

The chapter had over 1,600 volunteer hours for 2010.

### **Training Director**

Laura Brandes presented attainment of TMN awards to Kathy Speights and Sheila Williams.

Laura reported seven active interns with five of those being new interns.

## **General Announcements**

David Brandes reported that Migration Celebration this year will incorporate the Jr. Master Naturalist Passport. This idea was introduced by Denis Mudderman. The youth will receive the Passport at the registration booth and as they visit the various activities they will receive stamps on their Passport for answering questions such as identifying the symbol for the activity and identifying one fact taught at each activity.

### **Matagorda Island Trip**

Steve Zilliox announced four openings remaining for the trip on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Packages of detailed information will be mailed to all participants next week.

### **Camp Mohawk Exposition**

TMN will provide Trail Guides, Geo-Caching, Reptiles, Pond Life and Fish Casting.

John Boettiger explained the geo-caching activity.

A sign-up sheet was passed around at the meeting for Camp Mohawk Exposition.

### **Volunteer Fair Booth, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00 – 2:00, Brazos Mall**

A sign-up sheet was passed around at the meeting.

### **Fishing Fiesta Booth, July 3rd**

A sign-up sheet was passed around at the meeting.

### **Sea Center Texas**

Tour guides are needed. Volunteers may serve either 9-12:00 a.m. or 12:30-4:00 p.m., every week or every other week. Sea Center Texas has excellent training for volunteer tour guides. Sign-up to volunteer.

## **May 12<sup>th</sup> General Member Meeting and Advanced Training**

This General Member Meeting including the 8:30 Social Time, 9:00 Member Meeting, and the 9:30 Advanced Training program will be held at the Brazosport Planetarium at The Center for the Arts and Sciences in Clute. There will be a \$3.00 charge. The seating will be limited to 70 seats. The Advanced Training Topics are “Night Skies” and “Distant Galaxies”.

## **New Administrative Assistant**

Stephanie Taylor, Administrative Assistant, has been designated as the person to be called upon whenever TMN needs agency related help.

## **Floor Announcements**

**Rich Tillman:** The LEEP (Linville Environmental Education Program), sponsored by ConocoPhillips, needs trainers. There are two programs already scheduled, 8:30 – 2:30, and possibly a third may be added for Van Vleck ISD students. The two already scheduled overlap DEEP on May 4<sup>th</sup> and INEOS on May 7<sup>th</sup>. David Brandes pointed out to members that we are already fully booked for the remainder of this year, but we are trying to squeeze these in.

**Dow Woods:** Marty Cornell reminded members about the Workday on May 8<sup>th</sup> for the South Loop section of trail. Volunteer groups committed are Southwest Airlines employees, Dow employees and Texas Master Naturalists. Trail construction will include installing side rails and compacting cement base. Bring hammers, garden rakes and wheelbarrows. Hot dogs will be served for volunteers.

**Migration Celebration:** Marty also reminded the MC booth crew to arrive 15 minutes early.

**Shrimp Boil Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup>:** Carolyn Schlein reminded all to sign up and turn in their \$8.00 today. Facilities are available to grill your own food if you need to substitute for shrimp.

**TMN Meeting Room Wall Paintings:** Rich Tillman expressed a thank you to Jane Eppner for her fine painting of the various logos on the walls.

## **Advanced Training**

### **Part 1 – Animals of the Environment**

**Presented by: Sheree Etie**

### **Part 2 – Birds of Prey**

**Presented by: Steve Hoddy, President of Earth Quest  
and Phil Huxford, TMN**

**Adjourned at 11:30**