



Cradle of Texas Chapter
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TMN COT November 10, 2010 General Meeting Minutes

President David Brandes called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Announcements

Dave announced that Jim Albritton is a new Intern Graduate.

Membership Chairman

Awards - Jerry Eppner presented the following awards.

2010 Recertification –

- James Calvert
- Mickey Dufilho
- Jane Eppner
- Phyllis Gerdes
- Kerry Magee
- Carolyn May-Monie
- Ramah O’Gorman
- Archie Pratt

2500 Hours Volunteer Time (Platinum) – David Brandes

Jerry Eppner reported that 51 members have turned in time sheets to date. For comparison there were 63 turned in at the end of 2009.

There are 8,100 total volunteer hours to date compared to a total of 11,331 at the end of 2009.

Jerry reminded all members to sign their last Time Sheet of the year. If it is an electronic Time Sheet please type on the last line “Electronically signed by NAME, DATE”.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee offers the following candidates for the 2011 TMN-COT Board of Directors. Voting will take place during the December 8th General Meeting. The Nominating Committee was comprised of Ed Barrios, Past President, Neal McLain and Jerry Krampota.

President – Barbara Burkhardt
Vice President – Mary Holler
Secretary – Marty Cornell
Membership Director – Jerry Eppner
Training Director – Laura Brandes
State Representative – Ed Barrios

State Meeting Award

Marty Cornell described and demonstrated the Exemplary Project Exhibit that COT had exhibited at the recent Texas Master Naturalist State Meeting in New Braunfels. The display highlights the Chocolate Bayou Wildlife Education Program sponsored by INEOS Olefins and Polymers USA and supported by the Cradle of Texas Chapter. The COT entry won 2nd Place in competition with six other TMN Chapters, and received a monetary award of 200 dollars.

The Chocolate Bayou Wildlife Education Program has been serving elementary-school children since 2004. Our chapter members have contributed 2300 volunteer hours serving 3000 students. TMN State Coordinator, Michelle Haggerty sent the chapter a note of commendation. Marty noted that Michelle and her assistant, Sonny Arnold, have been invited to the chapter's Seventh Annual Hog Wild Holiday Feast on December 8th.

Meeting Host

Jerry Krampota reminded the membership that everyone should bring a breakfast type buffet dish or snack for the December 8th General Meeting.

That meeting December 8th will start later at 1000 a.m. for the election of 2011 officers and holiday celebration and there will not be an Advanced Training presentation.

Hog Wild

All members are invited to the Seventh Annual Hog Wild Holiday Feast on December 8th. Festivities and dinner begin after the meeting from about Noon until evening. The location is 325 Timbercreek Drive, Lake Jackson. Bring a snack dish and a very nominal 5 dollar donation to cover expenses. There will be plenty pork and pork ribs! About 60 people usually attend.

Outreach

Ruby Lewis reminded all about the Sat., Nov. 20th Family Day, ten to four at Hanson County Park. She has volunteers set up in two three-hour sessions.

Whooping Crane Trip

Tom Morris announced that 33 people are signed up for the trip in January, 2011.

Big Bend Trip

Tom Morris has 6 people signed up for sure and 4 that are maybes. Tom said he needs to finalize this and needs to know today.

Diana Foss, Urban Biologist, TPWD

A request was made on her behalf for anyone interested in collecting milkweed seeds for her in the Brazoria area. If so please contact her at Diana.foss@tpwd.state.tx.us for further information.

Advanced Training, 9:30 a.m.

Carolyn Schlein, Vice President, announced the Advanced Training Speaker, Dan Reilly, National Weather Service. Dan has been with the National Weather Service for 17 years. During that time Dan has worked as a meteorologist and forecaster at a variety of Forecast Offices around the country. He received a Master's Degree in Meteorology from MIT in 1992. Dan and his family have enjoyed living in League City, Texas, for the past few years.

Topic: Texas Gulf Coast Weather

Presented by: Dan Reilly, National Weather Service

Advanced Training = 2 Hours

Adjourned Meeting at 1130 a.m.