

TMN-COT GENERAL MEETING Wednesday, October 14, 2015, 9:00 a.m. - 11:20 a.m. AgriLife[®] Extension Building Angleton, Texas

Attendance:

Fifty-six members and two guests, Denise Kaplan and Lisa Myers, were in attendance.

President's Report:

Dave Brandes, **President** called the meeting to order and presented the agenda at 9:00 a.m.

Awards: Mike Mullins recognized Patty Brinkmeyer for having certified. Her certificate will be awarded at the November meeting.

AT & VT: Advanced and Volunteer Training opportunities are posted on the calendar on the website. Also opportunities will be emailed to the membership. <u>http://tmn-cot.org/Calendar/index.html</u>

Mary Helen Israel announced that October is Texas Archeology Month. There will be a program Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Brazoria County Historical Museum.

Outreach: Ruby Lewis expressed thanks for all the volunteers at the Buffalo Bayou Park grand opening and passed around volunteer sign-up sheets for upcoming events.

- The 15th Annual Texas Master Naturalist Meeting will be held October 23-25.
- Spooktacular will be held October 15th from 1:00 4:00 p.m. at Sea Center Texas.
- The Festival of Lights is scheduled for November 21 in Lake Jackson.
- KBR Kids Day is Saturday, October 17, at Buffalo Bayou Park, Houston.
- The Angleton Library is hosting a display of flower garden wreaths now through February.

Phil Huxford announced that a Birds of Prey program will be presented at Quintana Beach County Park on October 31 at 11:00 a.m.

State Bylaws: Dave Brandes reported that new bylaws must be approved at the next meeting. The two changes will be emailed to members. These changes include the following:

- 1. Having the term of office for elected board members remain at one year.
- 2. Deleting language in the bylaws that refer to 501(c)(3) status.

Chris Kneupper made a presentation on the Texas Coastal Watershed Program. He announced that grant funding has been received for above ground pools, and that Texas A&M University has approved a partnership with Pearland Nature Center.



Mike Mullins made a presentation on "History of the Wildlife Management Program: A Personal Perspective."

After break, Dr. Lindsay Glass Campbell, a Post-Doctoral Research Analyst appointed through North Carolina State University, presented the program "Improving Southern Flounder Management through Characterization of Habitat Effects on Juvenile Sex Ratios."

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m. with credit awarded for 1.75 hours AT-COT.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Sluis Secretary, TMN-COT