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Minutes: Board Meeting, May 2, 2007

President Ed Barrios called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

Present: Ed Barrios, John Marshall, Carl Dodson, Ellis Burkhardt, Barbara Burkhardt, Jerry Eppner, Justina Dent, Mary Helen Israel, Jerry Krampota, Neal McLain, Dave Brandes, Laura Brandes, Roy Morgan

Agenda: Financial Report-Jerry
Outreach Update-Marty
'07 Training Class update-Dave/Laura
TMN-COT Partner List-Ed
Updates from Officers/Committee Chairs

Financial: Balance as of 05/03/07: **\$3338.47.**

The budget for 2007 was presented. Jerry explained that certain assumptions were made in preparing the budget. They are:

***Intern class**

- **Revenues and expenses based on full class of 25. Breakeven is somewhere between 15 and 20 participants.**
- **Refund of \$45 will be accrued for 2008 dispersal**
 - *We will be able to collect dues from about 80% of COT members. So far only 73 of ~ 100 members have paid 2007 dues.**
 - *We will collect \$250 of 2008 dues before the end of 2007.**
 - *We will donate the 2006 State Meeting \$150 poster prize money to a partner.**
 - *General expenses were based on 2006 actual and inflated by about 5%.**
 - *Have set a budget of \$100 for social expenses.**

Please see addendum 1A and 1B for copies of the full budgets.

There are still a number of people who have not paid their dues. The board discussed the importance of members paying dues to show their commitment to the organization.

Three members requested their names be moved to the inactive list: Tommy Holt, Paul Webb, and Susan Webb.

Outreach: Ed reported for Marty. The MN display had been set up at Family Day, Sea Center Texas, Earth Day, Brazos Bend and Brazosport Mall. Marty also made a presentation to the Alvin Kiwanis Club. Twenty four people have indicated an interest in the fall classes; 21 are interested in Saturday classes, while 12 indicated that they can do the Wednesday classes. Two people have already paid to take the class, while six others have called Sandra and made inquiries. Information has been sent to these people. There are other prospects who have indicated that they plan to take the fall class. Laura has been calling or e-mailing those who signed the sheets at the Mall, Sea Center or Brazos Bend.

The pros and cons of having Saturday classes were discussed.

Plus: ► More people free to participate
► Video tape classes

Cons: ◄ Hard to get speakers unless we can draw on COT MN or folks from other chapters
◄ Difficult to do projects
◄ Who is free for 12 consecutive Saturdays?

The option of having Saturday class will remain under consideration by the board in hopes of working out some of the problems.

TMN-COT Partner List: Certain correspondence with The Friends of the Brazoria County Refuges indicated that the organization was a partner with COT. Clarification was requested by Ed. The COT is a partner with the Mid-Coast Refuge System, USFWS, but not the Friends organization.

Social Activity for June: At the regional meeting in February, the Bay Area Chapter emphasized the importance of having "food--fun--friendship" at their chapter meetings. One of the ways they accomplish this is to have "pot luck" suppers at some of their meetings. At the March board meeting this was discussed and the board felt that this would

encourage social interaction between members and encourage participation other than strictly volunteer opportunities. Bay Area MN also have a quarterly awards presentation at this time.

The board proposes to begin this type of practice at the June meeting and will poll the membership at the May general meeting for input.

Proposed June Meeting Format: Families are invited to attend

Date: Friday, June 8th, 2007

Time: 4:00—7:00 p.m.

Place: Pavilion at GCBO, Hwy 332, Lake Jackson

WHAT TO BRING: If your name begins with the following letters, then bring indicated items.

A through B Hamburgers/Trimmings

C through F Hotdogs/Trimmings

G through J Hardware (Plates, etc.)

K through O Salads

P through S Beans/Veggies

T through Z Deserts

Soft Drinks/Water provided by COT or BYOB

Program: Flo Hannah, “Grasses of the Coastal Bend”

Proposed Meeting for August—Ice Cream Social

Proposed Meeting for October--Crabbing at San Bernard NWR

Proposed Meeting for December—Pig Roast

Officer/Committee Chairmen Updates:

◆State Rep: Ellis reported no information from Michelle or Sonny. He will e-mail them to check on what is going on.

◆INEOS: Carl reported that the classes were going well and that another school had been added. The volunteers are doing a great job. INEOS participation is great and they feed us well. The calendar he sent out contains dates for the '07-08 school year as well as the dates for spring '07.

◆Chapter Host: Jerry K. reported that Marty had spoken to the Alvin Kiwanis Club and that reaction was mixed. He is in the process of trying to set up several other speaking opportunities for Marty at the Alvin Lions and Rotary Clubs.

The Camp Mohawk project is still waiting on grant money, but they do need more brochures printed.

Mary Helen will send a list of the class hosts to Barbara.

◆Webmaster: Neal asked that we be sure to state whether items submitted for the calendar are AT or VT time. He would also like for us to estimate the number of hours for credit to AT or VT.

Red Tide training is Saturday, May 5, 8:00a.m. at Sea Center Texas. This will be for 3 hours of AT.

◆Vice President: Justina asked if it was possible for Neal to put an electronic copy of handouts from presentations on the website. Neal said that it was possible if we had a disk and permission of the presenter.

Justina also inquired about purchasing inexpensive gifts for our speakers instead of giving out the “Speaker” dragonfly pin. The board agreed to the purchase of gifts. Justina is to choose the gift.

◆Advanced Training: Roy has a new, updated listing of advanced training opportunities in the May newsletter. One of the opportunities coming up is on controlled burns. The training offered by the Katy Prairie Conservancy is expensive. It was suggested that we ask Jennifer Sanchez, Manager for Mid-Coast Refuges, USFWS, if there were any training opportunities that she could offer to members of COT.

◆Training: Dave and Laura have submitted their proposed budget for the training class. (See Addendum 1A) Other information on the class is discussed in the Outreach section.

The 2008 Migration Celebration will be held April 11, 12, and 13 at the San Bernard NWR.

There being no further business, Carl moved, Dave seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectively submitted:

Barbara Burkhardt, Secretary

To Do List:

- * **Barbara—get notebooks from previous training classes to Laura**
- * **Carl—Contact Durwood and Becky McKinney**
- Done—Barbara—Check roster and divide up names for members to bring items for June “pot-luck” supper. See above.**
- Done—Jerry—Send Barbara electronic copies of Tres. Rept.**
- * **Mary Helen—Send Barbara electronic copy of meeting hosts.**

Addendum #1A 2007 Budget

CRADLE OF TEXAS 2007 BUDGET PROPOSAL				
	TDECU balance as of 05/02/07			
INTERN CLASS REVENUE/EXPENSES		2006 Actual	2007 Budget	2007 Actual
	Revenue	2529.00	3625.00	
	Expenses	2303.59	3348.50	55.53
	Profit/Loss	225.41	276.50	-55.53
NON-CLASS REVENUE/EXPENSES		2006 Actual	2007 Budget	2007 Actual
Revenue	Interest Income	12.16	13.00	
	Poster - 3rd Place 2006 State Mtg	0.00	150.00	150.00
	Dues			
	2007 dues paid in 2007		485.00	415.00
	2008 dues paid in 2007	450.00	250.00	
	2006 Intern Class fee paid in 2007	0.00	130.00	130.00
	Total	462.16	1028.00	695.00
Expenses	Gift books from poster prize	145.81	150.00	150.00
	Webmaster supplies	24.96	30.00	
	Officer badges	81.00	90.00	49.50
	Display board-Outreach	44.97	30.00	
	Drinks and supplies for socials	0.00	100.00	
	Administrative supplies	93.96	100.00	38.52
	Archival supplies	10.90	15.00	
	Year-end party	56.77	75.00	
	Total	458.37	590.00	238.02
	Chapter Profit/Loss	229.20	714.50	456.98

Addendum #1B

COT Training Budget, 2007

				Class Size =			
				25	20	15	
Item	Store	# required for class size 25	Unit Cost 2006 experience	Total Budget	Total Budget	Total Budget	
Field Books	Through Rich	11	\$6.00	\$66.00	\$36.00	\$6.00	
Name Tags (Magnetic)		25	\$7.50	\$187.50	\$150.00	\$112.50	
Shirts		25	\$16.00	\$400.00	\$320.00	\$240.00	
State Curriculum	TAMU Press	25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Binders and Dividers or Equiv.		25	\$6.00	\$150.00	\$120.00	\$90.00	
Miscellaneous Items (2006 experience)				\$180.00	\$180.00	\$180.00	
Class Snacks and Grad Lunch		25	\$31.00	\$775.00	\$620.00	\$465.00	
Honorariums/Speaker Gifts							
McAlister's motel, 1 night		1	\$110.00	\$110.00	\$110.00	\$110.00	
Speakers' Gifts		15	\$17.00	\$255.00	\$255.00	\$255.00	
Advertising				\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
Expense TOTALS				(2223.50)	(1891.00)	(1558.50)	
INCOME - course fee		25	\$100.00	2500.00	2000.00	1500.00	
INCOME - refundable course fee			\$45.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
NET INCOME				276.50	109.00	(58.50)	
				Class Size =	25	20	15