

Cradle of Texas Chapter
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Minutes: General Meeting, May 9, 2007

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

Tom Morris presented the service awards for this month.

2007 Recertification Pins—Grass Shrimp:

John Boettiger	Bill Brown
Ellis Burkhardt	Gardner Campbell
Mary Helen Israel	Jerry Krampota

250 Volunteer Hours--Bronze Dragonfly Pin:

Mickey Dufilho

500 Volunteer Hours—Silver Dragonfly Pin:

Kermit Schlameus

Congratulations All!

Because of a change in State policy, Tom requests that you turn in your hours on time so that he has time to get the recertification pins from the State, before the monthly meetings.

Jerry Eppner reported a balance of \$3300.00. Please pay Jerry if you haven't already submitted your dues. We have a positive cash flow at the present time, but need the dues to cover chapter expenses during 2007.

Tory Tvedt, President of Friends of Brazoria Wildlife Refuges, thanked the MN membership for their many hours spent on supporting the Migration Celebration events, April 13-15. The event was well received, with approximately 1300 attendees over the three days. The special events, which the Master Naturalist headed up on Sunday, were a success. The Friends organization greatly appreciates the MN help and support.

Social Event: 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. Ed presented the proposal approved at the May board meeting. The chapter would have a social meeting once per quarter, with the first one scheduled for June.

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	Desserts

Soft Drinks/Water provided by COT or BYOB

The membership was asked to vote on:

- ◆ Approval of social meetings with pot luck
- ◆ If they would attend the first social event on June 8th.

See Attachment 1 for full ballot.

Results:

Approve of Social Meetings: 33

Disapprove of Social Meetings: 1

No Vote: 2

Plan to attend June 8th meeting: 30

Comments from Ballots:

- ◆ Have regular AT meetings separate from social. It might be hard to reschedule speakers.
- ◆ Where will we meet? I recommend parks or other outdoor venues, i.e. GCBO, Quintana Park, BNWR, MG Education Station, Brazos River County Park
- ◆ Starts too early for people who work. Does Friday night conflict with sports schedules?
- ◆ Quintana Beach pavilion
- ◆ Get head counts just before socials.
- ◆ Yea!
- ◆ I have a conflict on 2nd Friday nights.
- ◆ Have regular meeting so that AT will not be affected. Family may not want to hear speaker.
- ◆ Too early start time if you work or live in northern part of county.

Announcements:

Hurricane Seminar: "The Perfect Storm Preparation: Lessons learned from Katrina and Rita"

May 31st, 3:30-7:30 pm, Lake Jackson Civic Center

June 1st, 3:30-7:30 pm, Alvin Community College Theater

For further information, see the Chapter website: <http://tinyurl.com/23fesu>

Farmers Market: Each Saturday in May and June. MG Education Station, Angleton, 7:00 a.m.

Master Gardeners Open House: June 2nd, Education Station, Angleton

Red Tide Training: Dave Brandes is heading up this project. Four members were trained on May 5. Dave will try to schedule another training session for interested MN.

Respectfully submitted:
Barbara Burkhardt
Secretary

MN Board Meeting, Wednesday, June 7, 3-5 p.m., Extension Service, Angleton

MN General Meeting, Wednesday, June 13, 9-12 a.m., Extension Service, Angleton

Speaker: [Grasses of the Costal Bend, Flo Hannah](#)

Hosts: Pam Peltier, Jerry Eppner, Ruby Lewis

Attachment 1:

TMN-COT INCREASED MEETING - SOCIAL EVENTS BALLOT

Reminder: TMN-COT BYLAWS, ARTICLE IV Membership, Section A Membership Requirements, #3. Voting Membership: *Voting membership in the Chapter shall be extended to TMN members and Certified TMN with dues in good standing for the current fiscal year.*

_____ I HAVE paid my dues and I am eligible to vote.

_____ I HAVE NOT paid my dues and not eligible to vote.

Membership approval for meetings with social events – pot luck dinners	Approval for TMN-COT to have meetings with social events 3-4 times per year	<input type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove
	I will probably attend the first meeting – social June 8 th meeting from 4-7 pm.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Comments or other suggestions: _____
