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Minutes: General Meeting, December 12, 2007

President Ed Barrios called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

Ed informed the general membership that a donation box had been set up for anyone wishing to make a contribution to help Rich Tillman's family with expenses for his daughter Jeanne's illness. The collection will be given to Rich after the Hog Wild party this afternoon.

Ed reminded everyone of the upcoming Christmas bird counts. Anyone wishing to participate may do so, you don't need to be an expert.

San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge: Friday, December 14, Registration at the headquarters, 6:45 a.m.

Brazos Bend State Park: Saturday, December 15, Meet at headquarters

Freeport Bird Count: Sunday, December 16—See Tom Morris if you are not already on a team.

Work Day: INEOS-Clearing cat tails at the pond by the education center. Talk to Carolyn May-Monie if you can participate.

Service Awards: Tom asked members from previous classes to stand and be recognized. The classes were represented as follows:

2001-3 members	2002-5 members
2003-3 members	2004-12 members
2005-2 members	2006-4 members and
2007 8 members.	

The following service awards were presented:

Certification: Jean Northington, Earl Roberts, Carolyn Schlein

Re-certification: Barbara Bruyere, Jean Eppner, Sandy Henderson, Monica Krancevic, Archie Pratt, Lynne Ray, Joan Simonsen

Bronze Award (250 hours): Bill Brown, Gerald Forrest, Sandy Henderson, Monica Krancevic, Archie Pratt

Silver Award (500 hours): Dave Brandes

Gold Award (1000 hours): Neal McLain, John Boettiger

Treasurer: Jerry reported a balance of \$5308.00 as of December 1. Because of the dues, our income is up about \$1000.00 above that of previous years and we have some operating monies. Approximately 50 people have paid dues in 2007.

Election of officers: Carl Dodson, chairman of the nominating committee presented the following slate of officers for 2008:

President	Dave Brandes
Vice President	John Boettiger
Secretary	Joan Simonsen
Treasurer	Jerry Eppner
State Rep	Ellis Burkhardt
Membership	John Marshall
Training	Laura Brandes

Kirby moved, Jim Renfro seconded that we accept the names presented on the ballot. Motion passed.

There being no nominations from the floor, Mary Helen moved, Earl seconded that the slate of officers be elected by acclamation. Motion passed.

The following have accepted chairmanship of the listed standing committees:

Advanced Training	Earl Roberts
Chapter Hosts	Jerry Krampota and Justina Dent
Web Master	Neal Mc Lain

Two committee chairs are still unfilled: Outreach and Volunteer Service. Anyone interested should contact Dave.

A drawing was held for door prizes contributed by the membership.

Ed thanked the membership for all their help and support during his years as president. Jim Renfro thanked Ed for the excellent job he had done as president for the past two years.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. so that members could attend the annual Hog Wild Christmas party.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara H. Burkhardt
Secretary