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April 6, 2008 TMN COT General Meeting Minutes

9:00 a.m. President Dave Brandes called the General Meeting to order with James Denis introducing his Aunt Sheila from England.

John Marshall awarded 2008 Re-certification Pins to the following:

- *Steven Stoops
- * Jerry Eppner
- * Gerald Forrest
- *John Boettiger

President Dave announced these up coming events.

* Saturday, April 19 is Envirofest from 10:00 to 1:00 p.m. at the Lake Jackson Mall.

*Tuesday, April the 22nd is the Volunteer Fair at Brazosport College from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

*Monday, May 19 TAMU-Floating Classroom tour will be a great learning opportunity for the first 25 to register. Rich Tillman was able to reserve a full day of activities. The cost will be \$20 per person. There will be three parts: shore-side session, a dockside lunch shrimp boil of shrimp, sausage, corn and potatoes, and the Karma Bay Excursion. The time frame will be approximately from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

John Boettiger announced some AT scheduling changes.

- * May - Bird Banding, part three of a five year program.
- * June –Animal Rescue with Sandy Henderson
- *July- a GPS program consisting of classroom and field experience.

* August – Dragonflies

Marty Cornell gave a first glimpse report from Migration Celebration. More information will be forthcoming. 180 people attended the kick-off dinner Friday evening. \$18,000 was collected from the silent auction. 847 people attended Saturday activities at San Bernard National Refuge. The San Bernard Big Oak tour was well received. The Marsh Buggy tours filled up fast. A survey taken of guests noted that most people came at the spur-of-the moment or had been coming for years.

Laura Brandes reported that the Fall Intern Class presenters are filled except for Graduation. This year Gary and Kathy Clark will not be available. The application form is now available. The filling fee will be \$45 of the \$145 class fee.

Carl Dodson announced that the INEOS program is in full swing. **Connie Stolte** requested extra volunteers as this time of the year at Sea Center Texas is very busy.

Rich Tillman reported there were 1,000 bats in a West Columbia church, and although he now knows how to build bat houses he would like some assistance.

9:22 a.m. **John Boettiger** introduced **AT presenter, Bryan Adams**, who enlightened the group on “Connecting Children to Nature.”

Respectively submitted,
Joan Simonsen
Secretary

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