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TMN COT February 12, 2009 General Meeting Minutes

President Dave Brandes opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. He informed the COT membership of the recent death of member, Jean Audas.

Jerry Eppner awarded the following:

2008 Recertification... Sherry Summers
Gardner Campbell
Mary Helen Israel
Steve Zilliox
Clyde Zilliox
Louis Peltier
2009 Recertification.... Laura Brandes
Marty Cornell
500 VT Hours..... Sandy Jespersen and Sherry Summers

Jerry Eppner reminded members to be certain that they rename their Time Sheet for 2009. Some members have had difficulty picking the COT correct partner or leaving that column blank. Members with concerns can contact Jerry for any questions or problems in submitting hours.

Announcements:

Dave Brandes and **Marty Cornell** - reported Migration Celebration will be April 17, 18 and 19 at SBNWR and February 28 is Nature Day at Sea Center Texas. They requested volunteers for both events with

specific help for the COT information booth April 18. Sign-up sheets were circulated. There is also some possibility of Defenders of Wild Life participating in Migration Celebration.

Gardner Campell- reported that there are two sessions left for bird banding at Halls Bayou Prairie. The next scheduled day is Monday, February 23.

John Boettiger- informed the members of a slight change in the topic of the April AT with by Sammy Ray, Professor (Emeritus) Department of Marine Biology, TAMU Galveston. He will speak on Hurricane Impact on Inland Shrimping rather than oysters. The May AT will be weather.

Carl Dodson- told volunteers that INEOS program session two will be this Friday February 13. For interns attending this session will count as two hours of AT.

Roy Morgan - announced another way to support Gulf Coast Wildlife Rescue is with the Kroger Plus Card. Just one use of the scanning slips available at the sign-in table will credit monies to GCWR.

Ed Barrios - said Mike Lange will lead a kayak trip to Blue Hole this Friday, February 13. For those interested the group will meet at 8:00 a.m. at Andrew Jackson Plantation parking lot. Kayaks can be rented for \$50.

Earl Roberts - mentioned six hours of AT would be given to those attending the Houston Zoo's Spotter Training for the Gulf.

Sandy Henderson - reminded members that 2.5 AT would be given for the Gulf Coast Wildlife Rescue training February 21.

Justina Dent - introduced a TMN visitor from Hayes.

Tom Morris- informed the group that the Brazosport Planetarium and Nature Center trail on Oyster Creek at the College needs some big tree removal February 21. He asked that those with information concerning someone with a chainsaw and equipment speak with him.

Tom Morris - also announced AT will be given for an intern birding class at the Angleton AgriLife Service center March 9 at 9:00 a.m. After four hours of class instruction, the group will take a field trip to Brazos Bend State Park to continue their training.

Steve Zilliox- noted that five people still need to pay for their trip to Matagorda Island.

Laura Brandes -introduced first- time visitor intern Mary Holler.

Dave Brandes presented guest Richard Hurd, BCPD Director, who gave the group an overview of Brazoria County Park goals. His objective is to make the parks known and develop existing ones. He presented the master plans for a community park development on the 156 acres site which includes the present Master Gardener's site and activity buildings. The plan is one with progression over a couple of years. He thanked the COT members for the work already done at Camp Mohawk and said he is looking forward to more MN involvement in the future.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m. for Shane Kasson's advanced training on the Impact of Hurricane Ike on Wildlife at SBNWR and Big Boggy.

Respectively submitted by,
Joan Simonsen
Secretary