



## **Cradle of Texas Chapter**

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### **TMN COT March 4, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes**

**President Dave Brandes** opened the meeting at 3:00 p.m. with a review of the agenda. He informed the Board that Joan has won the GPS for being the first in the COT Texas Invaders to have 50 Invasive Plants reported and approved. The COT Texas Invaders are now number 10 out of 17 Texas Invaders' groups.

**Present:** Laura Brandes, Dave Brandes, Neal McLain, Mary Helen Israel, Sandy Henderson, Earl Roberts, Joan Simonsen, Jerry Eppner, Justina Dent, Jerry Krampota, John Boettiger

#### **Bastrop Bayou Trash Bash, March 28**

President Dave described the Trash removal project as beginning at 8:30 a.m. and concluding at noon. He will see if Pam West wants to ask for volunteers at the March General Meeting.

#### **Camp Mohawk Summer Day Camp**

Laura reported to the board the results of the March 2 meeting with Ed McKillop, Park Supervisor and Richard Hurd, BCPD Director. With the park officials, Laura, Ruby, Jerry K. and Joan developed a pilot Summer Day Camp for the weeks of June 15 and June 22. The camp would operate from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30, Monday through Thursday with the Family Day on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until noon. The first session would be scheduled for 30 students who would enter second, third, and fourth grades next fall; whereas the second week of camp would be for children entering fifth and sixth grade in the fall. Each

day will have three sessions of which two will be instructional and one recreational. The various days have themes such as Bird Day, Water Day, Creepy Crawler and Indian Day. Jerry K. has already gotten Charlie Rioux to give his Indian presentation to the youth on both Thursdays. The group is scheduled to meet again May 4 at 10:00 a.m. at Camp Mohawk to finalize the Day Camp plans.

### **COT Guidelines**

President Dave will get an updated COT guidelines copy from Ed Barrios.

### **Membership Records Review**

Jerry E. discussed with the board the status of a number of MN members as to their graduation and certification. It was suggested that some who have graduated but not completed their certification be given until the end of 2009 to complete the process. A letter will be drafted by Dave and Jerry E. to send to those people in order to update the COT roster. The State requires an accurate list of TMN Members for their files and financing.

### **Intern Pilot Program**

Laura presented an update of the present COT intern class. It appears the interns are appreciating the flexibility of the pilot program. There are eight interns working on their program with four or five ready to start the next class. One change in the program that has been made is that interns are now being asked to buy the Texas TMN State Curriculum as the lending-library-style was not successful.

Several required intern classes are scheduled for March and April. COT Members who have not had these classes within the last two years may also receive AT for attending. It was suggested that Neal send announcements for such sessions to the regular members when they are posted on the COT website.

March 9 will be "Birds" with instructors Tom Morris, Jim Renfro, Jerry Eppner, and Denis James, all TMN-COT Members.

March 20 Ed Barrios and Barbara Burkhardt, TMM-COT Members are scheduled to discuss "Plants."

March 28 Johnney Pollan, Brazosport College is to speak on "Archaeology".

April 6 is planned as "From the Beach to the Coastal Prairie" with Rich Tillman, Brazoria County AgriLife Marine Agent.

### **Announcements:**

**Mary Helen** reminded Board Members that their newsletter articles are due Saturday, March 7.

**Justina** reported that she would like to take COT brochures to an Earth Day Festival being held in North Houston. Laura said there are usually plenty of brochures kept in the storage room upstairs.

### **Advanced Training Update:**

John solicited the Board Members for any special topics they'd like to see for AT in the fall. Dr. Wayne M. McAlister usually speaks, but instead a number of COT Members will be touring Matagorda Island in May and in October. The May speaker will be Gene Hafele, National Weather Service, Houston/Galveston, speaking on Gulf Coast Weather. He suggested that COT Members bring a friend to this AT class. John was seeking the location of Mr. Hertzig as a speaker for geology. Jerry E. will find out if he works at Dow.

**Neal** announced with pride that he will get a new grandson tomorrow.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p. m.

### **Action Items:**

**Dave** will contact Ed for COT guidelines.

**Dave** will, also, contact Pam West concerning the Bastrop Bayou Trash Bash volunteers.

**Neal** will send AT announcements to the COT membership.

**Jerry E.** will find out if Mr. Hertzig works at Dow and then give information to John.

Respectfully submitted by,  
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