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TMN COT December 4, 2008 General Meeting Minutes

President Dave Brandes opened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. by welcoming and introducing two guests.

John Marshall awarded the following people:

2008 Recertification.... Ramah O'Gorman

Archie Pratt

Carolyn Schlein

250 Volunteer Hours... Joan Simonsen

The following announcements were given:

John Boettiger informed COT members of 2009 Advanced Training Topics:

January 14 -Effects of Hurricane Ike on Local Wildlife Habitats by Bryan Adams, Environmental Education Ranger, Texas Mid-Coast National Wildlife Refuge Complex, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

February 11-Hurricane Ike Impact on the Texas Mid-Coast National Wildlife by Shane Kasson, Wildlife Manager San Bernard and Big Boggy NRW's, Texas Mid-Coast MWR Complex

March 11- Hurricane Ike Impact on Upper Texas Coast Salt Water for Fish and Hatcheries by Robert Vega, Marine Hatcheries Program Leader, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

April 15- Texas Coastal Oysters by Sammy Ray, professor (Emeritus) Department of Marine Biology, TAMU Galveston

May 13- Gulf Coast Weather by meteorologist, Gene Hafele, National Weather Service Houston/Galveston

John's next mission is to get a program for geology. He, also, reminded members to turn in their 2008 Volunteer Hours by December 23 for those who have not yet turned in time, and December 31 for all other members.

Ed Barrios explained the TMN COT Volunteer Insurance Forms. He reviewed the information for members and encouraged them to sign the annual forms before leaving the meeting.

Steve and Clyde Zilliox -presented information to COT members concerning the May 16-17th trip to Matagorda Island with Dr. Wayne and Martha McAlister. Andrew Sanson will be the Saturday evening speaker. The cost per person is \$95. The tour has room for only twenty COT members. Those interested were asked to submit their names after the meeting, and any others interested may submit names at the January General Meeting when a drawing of names will be made.

Tom Morris arranged a Whooping Crane Tour for January 21. The cost will be \$35 per person. The tour can take thirty people. Members interested are asked to contact Tom Morris for further information.

Dave Brandes gave the dates for upcoming Christmas Bird Counts.

December 14th will be in Freeport and December 19 at SBNWR.

Elections for 2009 officers were an acceptance of the nominations slate.

Executive Board Members:

President- Dave Brandes

Vice-President - John Boettiger

Secretary- Joan Simonsen

Treasure- Sandy Henderson

State Representative - Carolyn Schlein

Training Chairman - Laura Brandes

Membership Chairman - Jerry Eppner

Past President - Ed Barrios
Advisor - Connie Stolte
Advisor- Rich Tillman

Laura Brandes presented the 2009 Pilot Program for Intern Training. She explained the Training Proposal Draft, the Intern Training Schedule and gave a detailed example of an Individual Intern Schedule. She now has eight to ten interested people.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.
Respectively submitted by,
Joan Simonsen
Secretary

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