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## **TMN COT February 10, 2010 General Meeting Minutes**

**President Carl Dodson** opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Marty Cornell was able to be in attendance while still recovering from surgery.

Laura Brandes introduced a new intern member, Pat Bean, a retired journalist who spends winters in the Lake Jackson area.

### **Awards:**

Jerry Eppner announced that Don Rosebury has completed Intern Certification.

### **Announcements:**

Upcoming outreach programs:

- \* Young at Heart presentation
- \* February 27<sup>th</sup> Nature Day at Sea Center Texas
- \* March 6<sup>th</sup> Brazoria Heritage Celebration & Cattle Drive, Brazoria (first-time chapter participation)
- \* March 27<sup>th</sup> Trash Bash – Bastrop Bayou cleanup

Sign-up forms for both Heritage Day and Trash Bash were available for volunteers to sign up.

A March 20<sup>th</sup> Gulf Coast Wildlife Rescue workshop was announced. There will be a fee for non-members. Four hours Advanced Training is possible.

The Matagorda Island spring trip was announced for Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Twenty names were drawn and have been forwarded to Steve Zilliox. Steve will e-mail potential participants the information and the registration form. The completed form and the registration fee are due by the March 10<sup>th</sup> General Member Meeting. This years individuals will make their own arrangements for their Saturday transportation to the area and their Saturday night room accommodations and there will be no Saturday night program.

The Dow Woods project is approved for TMN volunteer hours.

Ed Barrios reminded that Migration Celebration will be April 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Last year over one hundred volunteers assisted and volunteers are again needed for this year. Ed Barrios will send an e-mail for everyone to confirm their commitments and to volunteer.

Phil Huxford announced that the Birds of Prey program in the schools has added ten more schools, bringing the total programs to thirty. He still needs more BISD sponsors (\$400 per presentation).

The February 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Audubon Backyard Bird Count information is on the website.

Barbara Burkhardt reminded everyone of the annual Scholastic Bowl, scheduled for Saturday evening, 2/27/2010 at the Brazosport Center for Arts and Sciences. Again this year, the “Nerdy Naturalists” will participate on behalf of the TMN-COT Chapter. This year’s team includes Jerry Eppner, Lois Morgan, Ed Barrios and Barbara Burkhardt. Come cheer for the team.

Jim Renfro has received the President’s Call to Service Award in recognition of 4000 hours of volunteer service. The chapter plans to present the award at the March General Meeting. The award consists of a medal, a certificate, and a letter signed by the President of the United States.

**Advanced Training:**

**Topic:** Bees

Presented by: Dr. Carlos Bogran, Associate Professor and Extension Specialist, Entomology-Plant Pathology & Microbiology, TAMU

Respectfully submitted by,  
Ed Johnson, Secretary