



**Cradle of Texas Chapter**  
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## **TMN COT August 11, 2010 General Meeting Minutes**

**President David Brandes** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

### **Announcements**

David announced that John and Nancy Boettiger's son's cancer has returned. Dave also informed us that Tom Morris's wife, Ethel, broke an ankle while Tom and Ethel were in Wyoming.

Torry Tvedt reminded the group that the next general meeting of the Friends of Brazoria Wildlife Refuges will be September 12<sup>th</sup> at the Discovery center. The planned program is a presentation by Dick Hickner speaking about birding along the Central Flyway -- the bird migration route between Texas and Minnesota.

Kerry Magee reminded all to keep in mind the significance of VJ Day on Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. VJ Day commemorates the surrender of Japan in 1945, thus ending World War II.

### **Volunteer Time Sheet Signatures**

David briefly summarized from his President's message from the August Newsletter that the board of directors has implemented a process to make this as easy as possible for this year.

- a. If you submit your time on paper, please give legible copies to our Membership Director with your signature and date at the bottom.

- b. If you submit your time as text by email, electronically sign “your name”, “your email address”, and “the date”.
- c. If you submit your time by spreadsheet (much preferred), then for this year please add your electronic signature, as stated above, as your last entry for the year on your spreadsheet.

There were a few questions from the floor asking what the state organization does for the chapter since we do so much for them, to which Dave provided responses.

### **Training Director**

Laura Brandes explained a survey that she is going to conduct to obtain feedback regarding the flexible intern training program. She hopes to obtain information that will assist her and the board in better directing the intern training. She distributed survey forms to (1) Board Members (2) Instructors and (3) Interns, along with stamped, addressed envelopes and asked for the surveys to be returned to her by the deadline of August 27<sup>th</sup>.

Laura mentioned that she still does not have an instructor for ichthyology.

### **Membership Chairman**

Jerry Eppner presented the following awards.

#### **Awards**

**New TMN Certification –** James Wesselman  
Irama Wesselman  
Billy Heck

**2010 Recertification –** Mary Helen Israel  
John Marshall  
Georgia Monnerat

**250 Hours Volunteer Time -** Georgia Monnerat

**500 Hours Volunteer Time -** Mary Helen Israel

**2500 Hours Volunteer Time - Neal McLain**

**Environmental Education Committee**

The committee will be meeting and having another work session today.

**Advanced Training, 9:30 a.m.**

Carolyn Schein, Vice President, introduced the advanced training program and speakers for today.

**General Topic: WATERSHED PROTECTION**

By representatives of the Houston Galveston Area Council

**Topic 1 San Bernard Watershed Protection Plan**

**Topic 2 Parks and Bacteria Implementation Group (BIG)**

**Topic 3 Texas Stream Team**

**Topics 1, 2, 3 presented by: Aubin Phillips, AICP, Senior Environmental Planner**

**Topic 4: Bastrop Bayou Watershed Protection Plan**

**Presented by: Justin Bower, Senior Environmental Planner**

**Adjourned at 11:30 a.m.**