

TMN – COT
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, December 7, 2011
325 Timbercreek Drive, Lake Jackson, Texas

Attendees: Ed Barrios, Barbara Burkhardt, David Brandes, Marty Cornell, Jerry Eppner, Sandy Henderson, Mary Holler, Neal McLain, Tom Morris

Start Time: President Barbara Burkhardt call to meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Agenda: The proposed agenda was presented by Barbara Burkhardt and accepted.

Action Items: Barbara Burkhardt noted that all of the action items from the November board meeting, as listed in the November minutes of the COT board, have been completed.

Minutes: Secretary Marty Cornell offered the minutes from the November board meeting as revised by e-mail additions and corrections. These revised minutes were approved with no further changes after a motion by Ed Barrios and a second by David Brandes.

Membership Chair Jerry Eppner announced that members will have until January 10th of next year to turn in their volunteer and advanced training hours. The chapter report to the state Texas Master Naturalist organization is due on January 16th. Barbara Burkhardt will thus need reports from all chapter officers and committee chairs by January 12th.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Sandy Henderson reported a balance of \$4,996.18. Details are on Page 2.

Election of Officers: The election of chapter officers for 2012 will be held at next week's general meeting. Since only members in good standing may vote, as defined by having paid their dues, Sandy Henderson was charged to send a reminder to the membership prior to the upcoming meeting of this requirement. [This has been done.] Dave Brandes will make ballots for this election.

Outreach: Barbara Burkhardt received a request from Susan Moore of the Gulf Coast Adventure Weekend Expo for our chapter to participate in their event on Saturday, February 25, 2012. The event description is: "G C A W is a trans-denominational, multi-church (62 and counting) endeavor that is reaching 12 cities in Southern Brazoria County. The Expo will be from 10-4 pm and will be held on the parking lot at the Dow Academic Center on the Brazosport Campus. Pastor Dale Frankum of Brazoria First Assembly of God is the Team Leader for this fun filled family event. Most of the activities will be free and the food will be nominally priced. We appreciate your coming to be a part of this wholesome, educational event for all ages. I will keep you posted and welcome any questions." Marty Cornell moved to accept this invitation; the motion was seconded by Dave Brandes and was unanimously approved by the board.

Training: In the absence of Training Chair Edgar Johnson, Barbara Burkhardt announced that our next intern training program will start on the last week of January, 2012. There will be no advertisement in the local newspapers as it was felt that little recruitment has resulted from our past investment in such advertisement. Rather we will rely on news releases, word-of-mouth, and postings in public places such as at Brazoria County libraries. Barbara noted that we have 25 potential participants, garnered from our current roster of interns who have not completed their training, people who inquired through the state web site, those who indicated an interest at our outreach booths, and from neighbors, friends, and personal acquaintances.

Programs: Program Chair Mary Holler stated that January's general meeting will feature Dave Brandes, who will give a lecture on plankton. Heather Biggs, a biologist and private consultant, has agreed to speak at our February meeting about Galveston Bay and its feeder waterways. The topic for March is undecided, but may be given on mushrooms by Teri MacArthur of the Heartwood Chapter of Texas Master Naturalists [last given to COT in the spring of 2007]. Professor Barron Rector of TAMU will be our guest speaker on prairies at our April general meeting; which will also be a training class. The May general meeting will feature Jamie Gonzalez with his talk on frogs. Speakers will be encouraged to make their talks technical and between 1 1/2 and 2 hours long.

Barbara Burkhardt adjourned the meeting at 1:21 pm.

Marty Cornell

Secretary,
Texas Master Naturalist Cradle of Texas Chapter

CHECKING ACCOUNT for the Texas Master Naturalist Cradle of Texas Chapter

Date	✓	Check Number	Checks	Deposits	Interest	Starting balance 1/1/11	Comment	\$5,757.12
01/05/11	✓	Chk 1269 - Laura Brandes	\$325.50				Facts ad Display lights, cord, outlet	-\$325.50
01/10/11	✓	Chk 1270 - Dave Brandes	\$113.47					-\$113.47
01/13/11	✓	Deposit		\$60.00				\$60.00
01/14/11	✓	Deposit		\$15.00				\$15.00
01/31/11	✓	Dividend			\$2.36			\$2.36
02/02/11	✓	Chk 1271 - Barbara Burkhardt	\$23.80				Badges Mailing supplies	-\$23.80
02/02/11	✓	Chk 1272 - Laura Brandes	\$80.32					-\$80.32
02/02/11	✓	Chk 1273 - Void						
02/09/11	✓	Deposit		\$1,330.00				\$1,330.00
02/28/11	✓	Dividend			\$2.41			\$2.41
03/02/11	✓	Chk 1274 - Laura Brandes	\$51.12				Intern snacks	-\$51.12
03/02/11	✓	Chk 1275 - E.P.D., Inc.	\$144.00				Aprons	-\$144.00
03/03/11	✓	Deposit		\$274.00				\$274.00
03/08/11	✓	Chk 1276 - Ramah O'Gorman	\$80.00				Trip refund	-\$80.00
03/19/11	✓	Deposit		\$15.00				\$15.00
03/31/11	✓	Dividend			\$1.43			\$1.43
04/06/11	✓	Chk 1277 - E.P.D., Inc	\$392.00				Shirts	-\$392.00
04/06/11	✓	Deposit		\$12.00				\$12.00
04/10/11	✓	Chk 1278 - Void						
04/10/11	✓	Chk 1279 - Jerry Eppner	\$130.71				Paints, postage, supplies	-\$130.71
04/13/11	✓	Deposit		\$355.00				\$355.00
04/26/11	✓	Chk 1280 - Sandy Henderson	\$151.54				Canopy	-\$151.54
04/28/11	✓	Deposit		\$15.00				\$15.00
04/30/11	✓	Dividend			\$1.35			\$1.35
05/19/11	✓	Chk 1281 - Steve Zilliox	\$900.00				Matagorda trip	-\$900.00
05/30/11	✓	Dividend			\$1.35			\$1.35
06/01/11	✓	Chk 1282 - Barbara Burkhardt	\$100.00				Mileage for speaker Intern snacks and tags	-\$100.00
06/01/11	✓	Chk 1283 - Laura Brandes	\$100.46					-\$100.46
06/30/11	✓	Dividend			\$1.10			\$1.10
07/31/11	✓	Dividend			\$1.11			\$1.11
08/23/11	✓	Deposit		\$1,359.00				\$1,359.00
08/31/11	✓	Dividend			\$1.19			\$1.19
09/09/11	✓	Deposit		\$359.00				\$359.00
09/08/11	✓	Chk 1284 - E.D.P., Inc	\$609.00				T-shirts Gift for Sonny 10th ann. lunch	-\$609.00
09/08/11	✓	Chk 1285 - Tom Morris	\$61.13					-\$61.13
09/12/11	✓	Chk 1286 - Affairs to Remember	#####				10th ann. lunch	- \$1,056.00
09/14/11	✓	Chk 1287 - Mary Holler	\$44.25				10th ann. lunch	-\$44.25
09/14/11		Chk 1288 - Kathy Speights	\$50.73				10th ann. lunch	-\$50.73

CHECKING ACCOUNT for the Texas Master Naturalist Cradle of Texas Chapter (continued)

Date	✓	Check Number	Checks	Deposits	Interest	Comment	
09/14/11	✓	Chk 1289 - Marvin Kiilsby	\$50.00			10th ann. lunch	-\$50.00
09/14/11	✓	Deposit		\$140.00			\$140.00
09/30/11	✓	Dividend			\$1.26		\$1.26
10/05/11	✓	Chk 1290 - Justina Dent	\$110.00			10th ann. Lunch	-\$110.00
10/05/11	✓	Chk 1291 - Marty Cornell	\$265.00			10th ann. Lunch	-\$265.00
10/06/11	✓	Deposit		\$100.00		10th ann. Lunch	\$100.00
10/31/11	✓	Dividend			\$1.11		\$1.11
11/02/11		Chk 1292 - Tom Morris	\$119.38			Gift for Sonny State meeting project.	-\$119.38
11/02/11		Chk 1293 - Ellis Burkhardt	\$81.20			10th ann lunch	-\$81.20
11/02/11		Chk 1294 - Affairs to Remember	\$125.00			Gratuity	-\$125.00
11/09/11		Deposit		\$355.00			\$355.00
				Total Interest	\$14.67		