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TMN-COT GENERAL MEETING Wednesday May 8, 2013 AgriLIFE Conference Room Angleton, Texas

Attendance: 56 members and five guests attended this meeting. The guests were Danna Johnson and Emily Osborn and prospective new members Carole Brannon, Donna Jablecki, and Lorna Witt.

President Mike Mullins called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Membership Chair Jerry Eppner presented the 2013 Monarch Butterfly recertification pin to six COT members: Anne Bettinger, George Bettinger, Gerald Forrest, Denis James, Leo Novak, and Andy Smith. Angelika Fuller also recertified, but was not present to receive her pin. Anne and George Bettinger also received their 2012 certification pins. Additionally, six members of the 2013 training class were recognized for certifying as Texas Master Naturalists: DeEtta Eddins, Chris Kneupper, Patsy Lepper, Becky McClendon, Dick Schaffhausen, and Pat Wilson. Becky and Pat also recertified in this first four months of their involvement with our chapter!

Jerry reported that year-to-date, 32 members have submitted 3227 hours of volunteer time.

Outreach Chair Ruby Lewis reminded the members of the upcoming summer library program. June will feature 18 reptile talks given at twelve libraries in Brazoria County. The sessions in July will use the Coastal Expo kit. Ruby referred the members to the schedule on our website.

Ruby asked for volunteers to help on May 21st with a nature day event designed for the special needs youth from Angleton High School.

Ed Barrios called for volunteers to help with the mid-June four day camp at Camp Mohawk. Ed then gave an overview of this year's Migration Celebration, and thanked COT for providing the core volunteers (25% of the total) that enables this event.

Ed Barrios told the members to be looking for an email that will call for volunteers to staff sea turtle patrols on our area beaches from May through mid-July. Training classes will be scheduled within the next couple of weeks.

Program Chair Peggy Romfh reviewed the AT topics that will be featured at the next four general meetings of the Cradle of Texas Chapter:

- ✓ June 12th; Kelly Drinnen will discuss the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary.
- ✓ July 10th; Brittney Zepeda of Sea Center Texas will cover mollusks and lead the members in squid dissection.
- ✓ August 14th; Tasha Metz of TAMU-Galveston will discuss sea turtles.
- ✓ September 11th; David Heinicke of Brazos Bend State Park will talk about the big cats of Texas.

Peggy then treated the membership to a slide show of photographs taken by COT members that won categories at the 2013 Migration Celebration photo contest.

The meeting ended with a nature quiz conducted by Leo Novak.



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Minutes of the General Meeting May 8, 2013 (continued)

Following the meeting, the eight 2013 Interns presented their field projects and were graduated to become our newest Master Naturalists. These new members selected Roger Allen and Dick Schaffhausen to represent their class at board meetings.

This ceremony was followed by the presentation of the chapter's first Members Emeriti memberships to Oliver Osborn and Gardner Campbell. Members and guests then enjoyed a lunch featuring taco soup prepared by master chef Barbara Burkhardt.

Submitted by
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