



CRADLE OF TEXAS CHAPTER
AGRI LIFE EXTENSION BLDG.
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TMN-COT GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, July 9, 2014, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
AgriLife® Extension Building
Angleton, Texas

Attendance:

59 Members were in attendance for the July 2014 General Meeting.

President's Report:

Mike Mullins, President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am and presented the agenda. Mike introduced guests: Judi James, wife of Denis James, and Ethan and Sam, grandsons of our guest speaker, Ken Johnson.

- Plaques are in and the engraving is being done.
- Mike recognized Chris Kneupper's article in the TMN-COT newsletter.
- Mary Carol Edwards spoke to The Board about retention ponds and prairie restorations. Mike pointed out that there are volunteer opportunities for our chapter.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Gerald Forrest gave the treasurer's report:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>BEGINNING BALANCE</u>	<u>ENDING BALANCE</u>
6/1/14 THRU 6/30/14	\$6,586.57	\$6,587.92
Revenue Summary		
Interest		\$1.53
		Total \$1.53
Expense Summary		
No activity for June		
		Total \$0

Outreach:

Ruby Lewis, Outreach Coordinator, reported that since June 1st there had been 22 library programs, GCBO Bird Camp, Camp Mohawk, and Fishin Fiesta where our chapter had provided volunteers. The numbers for these activities would be announced next month.

VPals Coordinator, Pete Romfh reported that we have added three new sites for volunteer opportunities. Those sites are:

- Houston Arboretum and Nature Center
- Challenger Seven Learning Center
- Houston Museum of Natural History and Science
(Please see the TMN-COT for details.)



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Programs:

Vice President Peggy Romfh lined out the upcoming speakers as follows:

- August 13 – Peter Woods, Extension Fisheries Program Specialist, will speak on Aquatic Ecology/Pond Management.
- September 10 – Teri MacArthur, Horticultural coordinator, Jesse H. Jones Park & Nature Center, will speak about Mushrooms.
- September 17 - Cathy Downs, *MonarchWatch* Conservation Specialist, will do a workshop on Monarch Butterflies. Program is scheduled from 9 a.m. – 12 noon and represents extra advanced training.
- October 8 – Mary Carol Edwards with the Texas Coastal Watershed Program will speak about the Storm Water Wetlands Project.

The **Nature Quiz** was presented by Kathleen Murray. The quiz theme was plants with ladies' names.

Invasive Species by Dave Brandes – “Exotic, Invasive, Noxious”

Giant Asian Dodder as the name implies came from China and first appeared in the Houston area in 2001. This exotic parasite (heterotrophic) plant kills trees and landscape plants. For more information see APHIS noxious weeds program.

Membership:

Jerry Eppner recognized the following 2014 Interns as certified:

Joycelynn Grigson, Dawn Logan, and Kim Richardson

The following members have recertified for 2014:

Ann Bettinger, Mickey Fufilho, Betty Bouley, Leo Novak, and Joan Simonsen
Patrick Wilson has reached the 500 hour volunteer silver pin.

Phil Huxford brought nonvenomous snakes to observe during the break.

(Break – 10 minutes)

Peggy Romfh introduced the program speaker, **Ken Johnson**, author of [An Introduction to Texas Crawdads](#).

Ken talked about the different crawdads in Texas and had several live specimens for members to look at after the meeting.

President Mike Mullins stated that today's meeting was worth 1.5 hours of Advanced Training for the quiz and program and 1.0 hours of Volunteer Time for the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Submitted by Becky McClendon
Secretary TMN-COT