



CRADLE OF TEXAS CHAPTER
AGRI LIFE EXTENSION BLDG.
21017 CR 171, Angleton, TX 77515-8903
<http://tmn-cot.org>

TMN-COT GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, May 13, 2015, 9:00 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.
AgriLife Extension Building
Angleton, Texas

President's Report: Dave Brandes, President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and presented the agenda.

Attendance: Seventy-six members were in attendance.

Treasurer's Report:
Gerald Forrest, Treasurer, gave the following treasurer's report:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>BEGINNING BALANCE</u>	<u>ENDING</u>
04/01/2015 - 04/30/2015	\$8,226.24	\$8,222.40
<u>Revenue Summary</u>		
Interest	1.69	
Total Revenue	\$ 1.69	
<u>Expense Summary</u>		
Postage	5.53	
Total Expense	\$ 5.53	

Awards:

Jerry Eppner, Membership Coordinator, reported that 39 members have submitted timesheets totaling 2,967 VT hours for the year. Only 10 of the 21 interns have turned in timesheets.

He recognized the following members who have certified and recertified for 2015:

Jean Britt	
John Boettiger	Patsy Lepper
Mickey Dufilho	Jeanne Manry
Jerry Eppner	Peggy Romfh
Denis James	Dick Schaffhausen
Chris Kneupper	Patrick Wilson

Also the following were recognized for attaining volunteer service hour awards:
Jeanne Manry - 500 Volunteer Hours, Silver Dragonfly Service Pin
Patsy Lepper - 250 Volunteer Hours, Bronze Dragonfly Service Pin.



Nature Quiz: Leo Novak reported that volunteers are needed to do the nature quiz for the five months following June.

Ruby Lewis, Outreach Coordinator, reported a group attended Brazoria County 4-H/ AgriLife.org sponsored Captain Shishka Bob Ag Awareness Day on May 7th and 8th for local children. Nine-hundred forty-nine 4th graders attended presentations showing where food comes from.

DEEP: There are four more sessions in May. Ten volunteers for each session are needed. A sign-up sheet was passed around.

June 13th is the 150th Anniversary of Brazoria, Texas. There are outreach opportunities to work with Friends of Brazoria Wildlife Refuges from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with setup at 8:30 a.m. in the Brazoria Heritage Museum.

There are 33 summer library programs in June and July. Six to seven people are needed for *Reptiles* and *Sea and Shore* programs. The schedule is on the COT website: <http://tmn-cot.org/BCLS/index.html>

Nature Camp at Camp Mohawk County Park will be held Monday-Thursday June 29-July 2 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. There will be approximately 36 kids. Volunteers are needed.

“Buffalo Bayou’s Back Celebration” is scheduled for June 20th in downtown Houston from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. Over 40,000 people are expected to attend. We are invited to make presentations. More details are on the website.

Migration Celebration: Ed Barrios reported that 43% of the volunteers were Master Naturalists. Two-hundred fifteen attended the Kick-off Dinner. Approximately 415 attended Migration Celebration on Saturday, and 500 on Sunday.

Stormwater Wetland Program: Chris Kneupper reported the wetland plant nursery is now open for business; however, funding for the project will not be available until October. TMN-COT members are asked to consider donating one-gallon plastic pots as well as wetland plants.

Honor Flight: Mike Mullins provided information regarding Honor Flight Houston which is a non-profit designed to honor our veterans by providing free air transportation to Washington D.C. to visit their memorials. Priority is given to World War II and Korean veterans; also any veteran who is terminally ill.

Intern Class Graduation: Roy Morgan presented the twenty-one members of the Texas Master Naturalist Cradle of Texas Chapter’s Intern Training Class of 2015. They



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were each certified as Texas Master Naturalists and received a certificate, a Texas Master Naturalist Polo shirt, and an engraved nametag. The interns were introduced by their team and topic; after which they made their presentations.

The Pearland Team: “The Future Pearland Nature Center: Identifying and Nurturing a Healthy Habitat:

Colene Cabezas
Robert Salzer
Donald Sabathier

Mary Kate Ward
Kendirck Gray
Jill Carroll

GCBO Team: “Planting an Educational Garden at GCBO”

Maggie Schakel
Laurel Owen
Jean Britt
Ken Arnold

Robert Simmons
Fritz Bates
Ann Lange

Quintana Beach Team: “Impact of Sargassum on Quintana Beach”

Bryan Frazier
Patty Brinkmeyer
Mike Bertoff
Anna King

Jesse Villasana
Vicki Kirby
Greg Bloomhuff

Following the presentations, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m. The soup cook-off followed.

The meeting was approved for 1 hour VT and 1.5 hours AT.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Sluis, Secretary