



CRADLE OF TEXAS CHAPTER
AGRI LIFE EXTENSION BLDG.
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TMN-COT GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, June 10, 2015, 9:00 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.
AgriLife Extension Building
Angleton, Texas

Vice-President's Report: Leo Novak, Vice-President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and presented the agenda.

Attendance: Fifty-eight members and one guest, Reece Murray was in attendance.

Treasurer's Report:
Gerald Forrest, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report for May:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>BEGINNING BALANCE</u>	<u>ENDING BALANCE</u>
05/01/2015 – 05/31/2015	\$8,222.40	\$8,013.35
Revenue Summary		
Member payments for new shirts	\$ 87.00	
Interest	1.74	
Total Revenue	\$ 88.74	
Expense Summary		
EPD Payment for new intern shirts	\$ 291.00	
Postage	6.79	
Total Expense	\$ 297.79	

Awards:

Jerry Eppner, Membership Coordinator, reported that 45 members have submitted timesheets totaling 5,076.80 VT hours for the year. Timesheets from interns are needed.

He announced that we will be going to the new online Volunteer Management System to report VT hours. When we go to the new system, time will be input online instead of turning in Excel spreadsheets. The state program is set up to report time within 45 days. Hours will not be accepted later than 45 days. Now is a good time to be thinking about entering timesheets. Connie Stolte has agreed to help with implementing the new system.

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

Barbara Burkhardt
Cindy Goodrum
Sheree Muzny
Don Sabathier



Advanced Training and Volunteer Service:
Peggy Romfh, Advanced Training Coordinator
Pete Romfh Volunteer Service Coordinator

Leo announced that upcoming AT and VT opportunities are on the TMN-COT calendar.

Ruby Lewis, Outreach Coordinator, reported that “Buffalo Bayou’s Back Celebration” has been cancelled for June 20th and is tentatively rescheduled for September 12, 2015.

- June-July: Brazoria County Library System summer programs
- June 8 – 12: Gulf Coast Bird Observatory Bird Camp
- June 13: Juneteenth 150th Anniversary Celebration of Brazoria, Texas. The times are from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with setup at 8:30 a.m. in the Brazoria Heritage Museum.
- June 20: Lake Jackson Historical Museum Science Day. The time is from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- June 29 – July 2: Camp Mohawk
- July 2: “Sea and Shore” needs nine volunteers. There is additional information on the TMN-COT website. In addition, Ruby will send an email reminder.
- July 4: Freeport Fishin’ Fiesta & Coastal Exposition at the City of Freeport RiverPlace. Connie will get information regarding the details and send it to Dave and Ruby. Volunteers are needed.

The Brazoria County Library System summer programs had four programs in the last two days in June. Additional volunteers are needed. Volunteer signup sheets were sent around.

Awards Celebration

Pam West, Chapter Host, announced a celebration honoring Phil Huxford for achieving 10,000 volunteer hours; also, Sandy Henderson and Neal McLain for achieving 5,000 volunteer hours will be held immediately following the July general meeting at the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory. Ron Bisbee will be cooking brisket and chicken, but side dishes are needed. A signup sheet was sent around and Pam will send an email to get an attendance count.

Marty Cornell announced that a \$150,000 grant was received by Friends of Brazoria County to extend Bobcat Trail and make it more accessible. A 20% match for the grant is required including in-kind contributions. There will be wood based boardwalk repair and replacement. We will provide labor for the two boardwalks. The work will probably begin near the end of the year. Earl Shipp, Vice President Dow Gulf Coast Operations is the Honorary Chair of the 2015 “A Taste for Nature,” a fundraiser including a live and silent auction to be held on October 9. The tickets are \$85 per person.



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Leo Norton presented the nature quiz, "Same or Different."

Dr. Robert Puckett, Assistant Professor and Extension Entomologist at Texas A&M University presented the program "Red Imported Fire Ants and Tawny Crazy Ants: Changing of the Guards."

The meeting was approved for [REDACTED] VT and [REDACTED] AT hours.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Sluis, Secretary