



CRADLE OF TEXAS CHAPTER
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TMN-COT GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, July 8, 2015, 9:00 a.m. - 11:20 a.m.
AgriLife® Extension Building
Angleton, Texas

Attendance:

Sixty-three members and four guests, Carrie Selestia, Sandy Selestia, Tyler Wise, and Tina Stolk were in attendance.

President's Report:

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

Awards:

Jerry Eppner, Membership Coordinator, reported that Joan Simonsen recertified for 2015 and has achieved 1,000 hours VT Gold.

Also the following members recertified for 2015:

Patsy Lepper, who also achieved 250 hours VT bronze	
Neeta Allen	George Bettinger
John Boettiger	Jean Britt
Barbara Burkhardt	Susan Conaty
MartyCornell	Gerald Forrest
Cindy Goodrum	
Becky McClendon	Roy Morgan
Leo Novak	Leo O'Gorman
Kirby Rapstein	Donald Sabathier
Jesse Villasana	Carole Wenny
Pam West	Patrick Wilson

Volunteer Management System update, Jerry Eppner: We will be moving to the new VMS online system. Dave will be working with Connie Stolte, Peggy and Pete Romfh to upload historical data into the new system. Ed Barrios and Jerry Eppner will be the backup. There will be a three-hour videoconference in July, with implementation of the new system in September or October. Computer access to the internet and login is required to use the new system. The library as well as the Master Volunteer Room is available for those who do not have computer access. Members were reminded that the new system will not accept volunteer time beyond forty-five days. Also travel time to Advanced Training events will no longer be accepted, and webinar hours that can be used for certification is limited to only 4. Dave reiterated that once the system is activated it should be very easy to use.



Ruby Lewis, Outreach Coordinator reported the participation for the following programs in June and on July 4th, as well as upcoming events.

June:

Library Reptile Programs:

There are twenty programs at eleven libraries. (Lake Jackson library programs are scheduled for July 15.) Participants included 1,139 children and 561 adults for a total of 1,700. There were also 23 different volunteers.

The Juneteenth 150th Anniversary at the Brazoria Civic Center:

There were 100 visitors and 8 volunteers.

Science Day at Lake Jackson Historical Museum:

A total of 226 children and 113 adults with 7 volunteers participated.

Nature Camp at Camp Mohawk County Park:

There were 32 campers and 12 volunteers.

Coastal Expo/Fishin' Fiesta in Freeport:

There were 100 visitors and 10 volunteers.

Upcoming Events:

Library Programs Include: Sea and Shore at 11 libraries and two Reptile programs at Lake Jackson Library. A signup sheet was sent around for volunteers.

July 30, Thursday: Teen Night at Brazos Mall (3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.)

August 1, Saturday: Kids' Day at Brazos Mall (11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

July 17, 20: Kids' Kollege at Brazosport College (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)

July 21, 28: SPCA Camp at the Lake Jackson Recreation Center (1:30 p.m.)

July 25: Seniors at the Refuge (10:30 a.m.)

September 12, 19: Xtreme Hummingbird Xtravaganza at GCBO

October 3: (changed from September 12): Buffalo Bayou Park Grand Opening

October 17: KBR Kids' Day at Buffalo Bayou

October 25: Spooktacular at Sea Center Texas

Ruby indicated that six volunteers are needed for each mall event in July and August. Thirty volunteers are needed for Oct. 3 & 17th with Friends of Brazoria Wildlife Refuges for two tents for butterflies, reptiles and birds of prey.

There are handouts of dates and times for the events at all libraries. Ruby also reminded volunteers to be aware of not saying anything that would be offensive to others.

Media Library Move: **Neal McLain** reported that the Media Library will move to the Master Volunteer Room. The Master Gardeners have a computer available there for our use. Also there will be a bookcase with open shelves for our books. Ed



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Barrios has agreed to take the leather-bound set of "Petersen Field Guides" to the "A Taste of Nature" silent auction.

Awards Celebration, Dave Brandes: Dave reminded members of the parking situation for the awards celebration at the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory. Also, Barbara Burkhardt added that insect spray would be needed for the legs and ankles for participants.

The nature quiz, "Who Isn't Worried about the Weather," was presented by Mel McKey.

Break

After the break, Marty Cornell presented the program, "CO₂ in Perspective: Observations of a Student of Climate."

Following the program, Dave adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m. Advanced Training was awarded for 1.5 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Sluis
Secretary, TMN-COT



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