



**CRADLE OF TEXAS CHAPTER**  
AGRILIFE EXTENSION BLDG.  
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**TMN-COT GENERAL MEETING**  
Wednesday, January 13, 2016 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
AgriLife® Extension Building  
Angleton, Texas

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

**President's Report:**

**Attendance:**

Fifty-four members and eight guests were in attendance. The following guests were introduced and welcomed:

- Oron Atkins
- Kelly Koch
- Karen Leder
- Kristine Rivers
- Caylie Harris
- Caleb Lehman.

**Treasurer's Report:**

**Treasurer, Don Sabathier** presented the financial report for December 1 – December 31, 2015.

<b><u>Beginning Balance</u></b>	\$ 6,884.40
<b><u>Ending Balance</u></b>	7,853.50

**Awards/VMS Profiles: Jerry Eppner** recognized the following members who have certified for 2015: Jill Carroll and Bryan Frazier.

Fourteen members have recertified:

Neeta Allen	Patty Brinkmeyer	Susan Conaty
Julia Geisler	Donna Graham	Michelle Hague
Anna King	Vicki Kirby	Ann Lange
Patsy Lepper	Dawn Logan	Kim Richardson
Robert Salzer	Sheila Williams	

Cindy Goodrum and John Minkert were recognized for having reached 250 hours of Volunteer Hours and will be awarded the Silver Dragonfly Service Pin.

Jerry reported that the chapter has logged 15,793 hours of VT and 1,618 hours of AT.

**Intern Class: Carolyn May-Monie** reported that we currently have seventeen interns for the 2016 Class. She introduced the Intern Training Committee Members: Howard Allen, Joycelynn Grigson, Becky McClendon, Roy Morgan, and Laurel Tillman.

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**Snack Signup:** Pam West indicated a need for additional volunteers to bring snacks to the general meetings for the remainder of the year. The signup sheet was sent around.

**Advanced Training:** Peggy Romfh announced that there are two opportunities for additional AT credit:

Thursday, January 21, Kelly Drinnen will present a program at the Brazoria County Library, Angleton, on the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary.

Also, it was announced that there are two opportunities for VT credit:

Saturday, February 27, is Nature Day at Sea Center Texas in Lake Jackson.

Saturday, March 5, is Brazoria Heritage Celebration in Brazoria.

Peggy took a head count of members wishing to attend the Flower Gardens presentation.

Kelly Koch, Discovery Environmental Education Program (DEEP) Coordinator requested help for the educational programs in February. She also mentioned there will be a Volunteer Recognition Dinner, Thursday, January 28, at 5:30 p.m. at the Clute Event Center at 100 Parkview Drive in Clute.

David Plunkett reported the Migration Celebration Fundraising Dinner is scheduled for April 8, 2016 at River Place in Freeport. Kelly Drinnen, Education Specialist at Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary will be the guest speaker. Migration Celebration weekend is April 16-17.

Phil Huxford reminded members that the Birds of Prey Program is beginning. Additional schools in the area that are interested in the program should contact Phil.

Colonel (Ret.) Christopher Sallese, Coastal Programs Manager, Dannenbaum Engineering Corporation of Houston presented the program on "Opening the Mouth of the San Bernard River."

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. with credit awarded for 1.5 hours AT-COT and 1 hour VT.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky McClendon and Linda Sluis  
For Jean Britt, Secretary, TMN-COT

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