



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

**TMN-COT GENERAL MEETING**  
**Wednesday, April 13, 2016, 2016 9:00 am- 11:30 am**  
**AgriLife® Extension Building**  
**Angleton, Texas**

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

**President's Report:**

**Attendance:**

Seventy-three members were in attendance.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Don Sabathier announced the financial report for  
**March 1 – March 31, 2016.**

<u>Beginning Balance</u>	\$ 10,397.84
Revenue Summary	100.00
Interest	2.16
Expense Summary	392.76
 <u>Ending Balance</u>	 \$ 10,107.24

Don will accept checks and/or cash from all non-intern members who have not paid dues. Please make checks payable to TMN-COT.

**Awards/VMS Profiles/VMS Updates:** Jerry Eppner recognized the following member who has recertified for 2016:

Mike Bettorf

Ed Barrios was awarded a polished gold with diamond dragonfly pin for reaching the 5,000 hour volunteer service hour milestone.

Jerry announced that the next awards will be presented in June. He also reported the accuracy of time entries has improved with the new VMS code structure.

**Advanced Training:** Peggy Romfh thanked everyone for their help with the GCBO Spring Fling at Quintana Neotropical Bird Sanctuary. She announced that GCBO is having an on-line auction in April and to visit the website (<http://www.gcbo.org/auctions/>) for further information. Peggy announced that the additional training at DEEP that will be done by Kelly Koch qualifies for Advanced Training.

**Volunteer Time (Service Projects)** Pete Romfh announced that there are several new volunteer opportunities on the calendar. In addition, sometimes there are partner



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organizations who request volunteers for specific projects. Please contact him if you become aware of projects or events that should be added to the calendar.

**22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Migration Celebration:**

Ed Barrios announced that the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Migration Celebration is April 16-17 at the San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge. There will be a meeting on Friday, April 15 at 9:00 am to discuss weather-related issues. As the weather may cause changes in events or volunteer needs, please check emails. Remember to please wear your green TMN polo shirts this weekend at the event.

**Migration Celebration Fund Raiser:**

Marty Cornell thanked everyone for helping to make it a success. He reminded us to bring wrapped baked goods for the Migration Celebration. If the baked goods contain nuts, please indicate so. He stated that the Information Booth volunteers will need to be there at 7:30 am. There will be a tour at 1:00 pm. Friday for volunteers.

**Outreach:** Ruby Lewis announced that there are several opportunities to volunteer that qualify for VT credit:

April 23 Reptile Display-Manvel, 10 am – 12 pm

April 23 Pearland Earth Day Celebration, 10 am – 2 pm

April 30 Earth Day-Richwood, 10 am – 12 pm

June 13-16 Camp Mohawk Nature Camp, 9 am- 12 pm

June Summer Reading Program at the county libraries, “Reptiles”, Please note multiple program listings.

July Summer Reading Program at the county libraries, “Wild In The City” (Mammals), Please note multiple program listings.

July 4 Coastal Expo

Details of these events will be posted on the calendar as they become available.

**Crockpot Cook-off:** Pam West announced that in honor of this year’s Intern Graduation, we will have a crockpot cook-off. Desserts are requested also.

**Helping over-wintering Monarchs:** Chris Kneupper proposed a project to help propagate milkweed plants for overwintering Monarchs that will eventually be given to interested TMN-COT members.

**Nature Notes:** George Bettinger gave a presentation on the “Zika Virus”. One can earn up to 2 hours of AT for preparing and presenting at a general monthly meeting. Contact Jill Carroll for more information. 281-384-4244 jillcarroll725@gmail.com

**Guest speaker:** Darla Harris spoke of “Ferns”.



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After the completion of the program, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 with credit awarded for the following:

April 13, 2016- General Meeting: Remember to reset codes each time for a new entry.

- Chapter business meeting: Code is "CB: Chapter Meetings and Admin (Chapter Admin)". Hours are 1 hour + travel time
- AT presentation at meeting: Code is "AT: I Received Training (Advanced Training)", 1.5 Hours

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Britt, Secretary, TMN-COT