



**CRADLE OF TEXAS CHAPTER
AGRI LIFE EXTENSION BLDG.**

21017 CR 171, Angleton, TX 77515-8903
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TMN-COT BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, May 04, 2016, 2016 10:00 a.m. – 11:25 a.m.
AgriLife Extension Building
Angleton, Texas

President Dave Brandes called the meeting to order and presented the agenda at 10:00 a.m.

Attendance:

Elected Members of Board	Present	Appointed Members of Board	Present
Dave Brandes (President)	X	Jerry Eppner (Membership)	
Jill Carroll (Vice-President)	X	Neal McLain (Publications)	X
Jean Britt (Secretary)	X	Pete Romfh (Volunteer Service)	X
Don Sabathier (Treasurer)	X	Peggy Romfh (Advanced Training)	X
		Carolyn May-Monie (Training)	
		Pam West (Chapter Host)	
		Ruby Lewis (Outreach)	X
Board Advisors		Dick Schaffhausen (Publicity)	
John O'Connell (AgriLife Extension)		Patty Brinkmeyer (Intern Rep.)	
Connie Stolte, TPWD		Mike Mullins (Past-President)	X
Guests		Ed Barrios (State Representative)	X
		Quorum	Yes

Minutes Approval:

Meeting Minutes	Motion to Approve	Motion Seconded by	Vote
April Board Meeting-Was cancelled.	N/A	N/A	N/A
April General Meeting	Mike Mullins	Ed Barrios	Minutes approved by voice vote.

Action Register Review was led by Dave Brandes [See Table of Action items at end of minutes.]

President: Dave Brandes led a short discussion about our chapter's 15 year anniversary which will be celebrated in September. Connie Stolte will be retiring this year. We will ask Jerry Eppner to purchase gift and plaque for her. Dave reports that the state has been further streamlining the VMS structure. Dave Brandes reports that there is some interest in getting a personalized TMN License Plate. There would be set-up fees for the initial design work involved. Dave suggests a poll at the next chapter meeting to see how many might be interested in pursuing this.



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Past-President: Mike Mullins gave some information about a possible gift, a tumbler, for current members and for future presenters. The tumbler will celebrate the chapter's 15 year anniversary this year in September.

Vice President: Jill Carroll reports that she is in the process of confirming James Cathey as the June presenter. She has confirmed the June nature note presenters- Peggy and Pete Romfh. Jill showed us the stationery that will be used to thank future presenters.

Treasurer's Report: Don Sabathier showed the Board a summary spreadsheet he had prepared with monthly revenue and expenses for April 2016 and presented the April Treasurer's report.

April COT Treasurer Report

Date: 1 April – 30 April 2016

<u>Beginning Balance</u>	\$10,107.24
Revenue Summary	\$ 100.00
Interest	\$ 2.08
Expense Summary	\$ 117.00
<u>Ending Balance</u>	\$10,092.32

Secretary: Jean Britt reports that Peggy Romfh has volunteered to take minutes from May's General Meeting.

Membership Report: Dave Brandes reports that Carolyn May-Monie's term as Training Coordinator expires this year. Carolyn would like to continue. Laurel Owen would like to help, also. Dave Brandes proposes that they be co-coordinators for the 2016-2017 class.

Motion	Motion to Approve	Motion Seconded by	Vote
Dave Brandes proposes that Carolyn May-Monie and Laurel Owen be co-coordinators for the 2016-2017 class.	Neal McLain	Mike Mullins	Approved by voice vote.

State Representative: Ed Barrios reported that there were more than 182 volunteers at the Migration Celebration and is in the process of summarizing the numbers for that event. He also reports that the state meetings have not been scheduled yet.



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Volunteer Service Coordinator: Pete Romfh states that the calendar is being updated. Pete is recruiting volunteers for the GCBO Summer Bird Camp, June 6-June 10 from 9am-1pm. Please contact Sue McMillian for further information.

Advanced Training Coordinator: Peggy Romfh reported that there is no new information.

Programs: Ruby Lewis informed us that the Monarch Madness event scheduled for May is being postponed. It will be rescheduled for the fall. The Earth Day scheduled for April 30 in Richwood was also cancelled.

Chapter Host: Pam West has notified Dave that the “crock pot cook-off” for May’s graduating class is progressing nicely and that salads will be happily accepted as well.

Publications: Neal McLain reported:

- **Newsletter:** The May issue of *Chapter News* will be published on May 6, 2016. This date is consistent with the new policy that fixed the publishing date at “two days after the Board of Directors meeting” and will be sent via the Google group to all current members and to all Class of 2016 interns with valid email addresses. Courtesy copies will be sent to Bryan and Vicky Adams (Turtle Patrol Coordinators) and Johnny Dwyer (EE Coordinator).
- **Google mailing list.** Johnny Dwyer has been added to the mailing list so that he can send us messages about DEEP and HWEEP. Johnny will replace Kelly Koch on May 5 as the EE coordinator. After that date, Neal will remove Kelly from the mailing list.
- **Website:** A link has been added for the Sea Turtle Patrol website. Three adspots were removed from the website.
- **Media Library:** No change since last month.

Publicity Coordinator: In Dick Schaffhausen’s absence, there was no report.

Intern Report: In Patty Brinkmeyer’s absence, there was no report.

Cradle of Texas Board Action Register				
Action Item	Who?	Due Date?	Complete/ Pending	Comments
Reviewed at May meeting:				
501(c)(3) Filing	Ed Barrios, Peggy Romfh, Mike Mullins	TBD	Pending	Low priority
Split the Operating Handbook from the By-laws and add the term “one time	Ed Barrios	TBD	Pending	



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event” to the Operating Handbook				
Draft new partner agreement document to include language on what partner will provide.	Pete Romfh	June	Pending	
Check to see if BISD background checks need to be done.	Ed Barrios	June	Pending	
Research a gift such as a cup or tumbler for the 15 year celebration in September 2016.	Mike Mullins	TBD	Pending	
Plan for a 15 year celebration in September 2016.	Board	TBD	Pending	
Determine possible thank you gifts for future presenters.	Jill Carroll	TBD	Pending	
Make a sign-up sheet and arrange for judges for the crock pot cook-off.	Pam West	May	Pending	
New Action Items Added at May meeting:				
Check to determine the cost and availability of TMN polo shirts.	Don Sabathier	June	Pending	

President Dave Brandes adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Jean Britt, Secretary



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Date 2016	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr.	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Elected Board Members													
Brandes, Dave	X	X	X		X								
Britt, Jean		X	X		X								
Carroll, Jill	X	X	X		X								
Sabathier, Don	X	X	X		X								
Advisors													
O'Connell, John	X												
Stolte, Connie	X		X										
Appointed Board Members													
Barrios, Ed	X	X	X		X								
Eppner, Jerry	X	X	X										
Lewis, Ruby		X			X								
May-Monie, Carolyn	X												
McLain, Neal	X	X	X		X								
Mullins, Mike		X	X		X								
Romfh, Peggy	X	X	X		X								
Romfh, Pete	X	X	X		X								
Schaffhausen, Dick		X											
West, Pam		X	X										
Training Class Representatives													
Brinkmeyer, Patty													