



TMN-COT GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, May 11, 2016, 2016 9:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
AgriLife® Extension Building
Angleton, Texas

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

Attendance:

Seventy-six members were in attendance.

President's Report:

- Guests: none
- TMN License plate: Dave Brandes presented a proposal from the Alamo TMN chapter to fund a Texas Master Naturalist vehicle license plate. If all chapters participated, the cost per chapter would be \$174/chapter, with the money refunded after 800 license plates were sold. About 10 members were interested. Dave will respond to the Alamo chapter stating that the COT chapter is interested in participating if the cost is about \$200.

Treasurer's Report:

Don Sabathier presented the financial report for
April 1 – April 30, 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

Advanced Training: no report

Volunteer Time (Service Projects) Pete Romfh asked for volunteers to support the replanting at Pearland Nature Center on May 12.

Outreach: Ruby Lewis announced that there are several opportunities to volunteer that qualify for VT credit. She solicited volunteers for May to July events which included:

- DEEP – volunteers needed May 17, 19, 24, 26
- GCBO Bird Camp – June 6-10
- Nature Camp at Camp Mohawk – June 13 -16
- Summer program at the libraries, Reptiles – June, multiple dates
- Summer program at the libraries, Wild in the City – July, multiple dates



Miscellaneous Reports:

- David Plunkett gave a great thanks to the 74 COT volunteers at Migration Celebration this year and showed a photo tribute of over 20 volunteer activities
- Dick Schaffhausen announced that the Friends of Brazoria Wildlife Refuges is open to members. Dues are \$10 per individual or \$15 per family.
- Denis James reported that turtle patrol efforts were successful on Quintana on May 8th when a nest was spotted near the Quintana jetty.

Presentations:

Three intern project teams presented the results of their projects at the meeting. They included:

- Quintana Beach County Park project, presented by Jimmy Salinas, Chip Sweet, and Caylie Harris (Denise Kaplan, the 4th team member, was absent.)
- Mohawk County Park project, presented by Jo Myers, Herb Myers, Kristine Rivers, Lisa Myers, and Karen Leder
- Olney Pond (Brazoria NWR) project, presented by Jackie Hicks, Larry Ruhr, Judy Green, and Oron Atkins. (Pam Gonzales, the 5th team member, was absent.)

Due to the unexpected absence of one team member, the 4th project team will present their report on the Nash Prairie Preserve at the May general meeting.

Graduation:

Carolyn May-Monie, 2016 Training Coordinator, presented the graduates from the 2016 intern class. Certificates, shirts, and pins were awarded to

Oron Atkins	Karen Leder	Kristine Rivers
Melba Beken	Herb Myers	Larry Ruhr
Marshana Gill	Jo Myers	Suzie Safley
Judy Green	Lisa Myers	Jimmy Salinas
Caylie Harris	Larry Peterson (absent)	Chip Sweet

Carolyn announced that two graduating interns, Kristine Rivers and Larry Ruhr, were selected as representatives to the Board of Directors starting in June, 2016.

Carolyn recognized the COT training team that supported the intern training. They included: Howard Allen, Joycelynn Grigson, Becky McClendon, Laurel (Owen) Tillman.

Carolyn recognized the COT mentors that supported the intern project teams. They included Susan Conaty, Chris Kneupper, Patty Brinkmeyer, Rich Tillman, Bryan Frazier, Jerry Krampota, Becky McClendon, and Dave Brandes. She requested volunteers among COT members for mentoring for the 2017 class.

The interns presented Carolyn, Roy Morgan (2014-2015 Training Coordinator) and the training team with gifts of appreciation.



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Awards:

Dave Brandes announced that 8 of the 2016 graduates have achieved sufficient service and advanced training hours for re-certification. They include

Oron Atkins	Herb Myers	Larry Peterson (absent)
Judy Green	Jo Myers	Kristine Rivers
Karen Leder	Lisa Myers	

After the completion of the program, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. Time codes allocated for the general meeting and presentations are

- Chapter business meeting: Code "CB: Chapter Meetings and Admin," 1.0 Hours + travel time
- Intern presentations: Code is "AT: I Received Training", 1.0 Hours

After the meeting, a pot-luck meal was enjoyed by COT members to celebrate the new intern class graduation.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Romfh, TMN-COT