



TMN-COT GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, June 08, 2016, 9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
AgriLife® Extension Building
Angleton, Texas

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

Attendance:

Sixty five members were in attendance.

President's Report:

- Guests: none
- Dave Brandes requested help with sand bags at GCBO.

Treasurer's Report:

Don Sabathier presented the financial report for

May 1 – May 31, 2016

<u>Beginning Balance</u>	\$ 10,092.32
Revenue Summary	150.00
Interest	2.12
Expense Summary	500.61
<u>Ending Balance</u>	\$ 9,643.83

Awards/VMS Profiles/VMS Updates: Jerry Eppner recognized the following graduates who have certified from the 2016 intern class:

Larry Peterson Forest "Chip" Sweet Larry Ruhr
Laurel Owen (2015 class)

Jerry Eppner recognized the following who have recertified for 2016:

Howard Allen	Oron Atkins (2016 intern)	Ed Barrios
Patty Brinkmeyer	Jean Britt	Barbara Burkhardt
Susan Conaty	Garry Ellis	Janet Jackson-Ellis
Cindy Goodrum	Ed Johnson	Anna King
Vicki Kirby	Ann Lange	Patsy Lepper
Neal McLain	John Minkert	Roy Morgan
Tom Morris	Mike Mullins	Kim Richardson
Carole Wenny	Patrick Wilson	

The Polished Silver Service Award for the completion of 2500 Volunteer Hours was awarded to Pete Romfh.

The Silver Service Award for the completion of 500 Volunteer Hours was awarded to Phyllis Gerdes and Kim Richardson.



The Bronze Service Award: Sheree Muzny was recognized for achieving 250 Volunteer Hours.

Ed Barrios was recognized for achieving 5,000 hours of volunteer service. He read the congratulatory letter that he received from Michelle Haggerty, the TMN Program Coordinator. TMN-COT members celebrated with a cake during the break.

Advanced Training: no report

Volunteer Time (Service Projects) Pete Romfh stated that at this time the volunteer opportunities are in a state of change due to flooding issues and to please check the calendar for updates. Volunteers are needed to help with domestic and companion animals rescued during the flood and to answer phones at AgriLife. This time will not count as volunteer service hours for master naturalists as it is flood related community service.

Outreach: Ruby Lewis announced that there are several opportunities to volunteer that qualify for VT credit. Sign-ups were available up front. Ruby solicited volunteers for June to July events which included:

- 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

Due to flooding issues, Ruby advised members to check the calendar for updates.

Ed Barrios announced that the Nature Camp at Camp Mohawk is still on. The camp was not affected by the floods.

Presentations: An intern project report was presented at the meeting. Team members were:

Suzie Safely, Marshana Gill (Chris Kneupper-Mentor), Melba Beken, Larry Peterson (Susan Conaty -Mentor)

Larry presented the entire project report on the Nash Prairie Preserve.

Guest Speaker: Dr. James C. Cathey spoke about 'Resources to Set a Stewardship Pathway for Wildlife Management'.

After the completion of the program, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.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
- Presentations: Code is "AT: I Received Training", 2.25 Hours

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Britt, Secretary, TMN-COT