



**CRADLE OF TEXAS CHAPTER**  
**AGRILIFE EXTENSION BLDG.**  
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<http://tmn-cot.org>

**TMN-COT GENERAL MEETING**  
**Wednesday, July 13, 2016, 9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.**  
**AgriLife® Extension Building**  
**Angleton, Texas**

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

**President's Report:**

Dave Brandes announced that September 14, 2016 has been selected as the date for the 15<sup>th</sup> year TMN celebration event at the Lake Jackson Civic Center. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the guest speaker at 10:15. Following this, a potluck meal will be served. Members may bring a guest. Marty Cornell, Ellis Burkhardt, and Roy Morgan have volunteered to cook brisket.

**Attendance:**

Eighty one members and one guest: Sheila Tepper were in attendance.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Don Sabathier presented the financial report for  
**June 1 – June 30, 2016**

<u>Beginning Balance</u>	\$ 9,643.83
Revenue Summary	92.00
Interest	1.98
Expense Summary	87.65
<u>Ending Balance</u>	\$ 9,650.16

**Advanced Training:** Peggy Romfh announced that there are opportunities for Advanced Training at the upcoming annual state meeting. Plus, it is an excellent time to interact with other naturalists. Please visit <http://www.txmn.org> for further details. The Texas Master Naturalist 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting will be held at La Torretta Lakeside Resort & Spa on the shores of Lake Conroe-October 21-23, 2016.

**Volunteer Time (Service Projects):** Pete Romfh reported that Dick Schaffhausen and a group of other members are organizing the improvements at Camp Mohawk County Park. Volunteers are welcome. See Dick Schaffhausen for further details. Pete also stated that the STEM project held on July 12 at Oyster Creek Municipal Park concerning 'Water Quality Monitoring' went well.



**Nature Trackers:** Mike Mullins encouraged us to join 'Nature Trackers'. This free program tracks the status of wild populations of plants and animals throughout Texas. It is a great way to learn more and to contribute to Texas Parks and Wildlife's research and conservation efforts. For more information, please contact <http://www.tpwd.texas.gov/trackers> or email: [tracker@tpwd.texas.gov](mailto:tracker@tpwd.texas.gov)  
Mike will demonstrate the use of Nature Trackers and iNaturalist.org after next month's general meeting. AT will be given for attending his presentation.

**Hardcover Curriculum Books:** Carolyn May-Monie reported that hardcover curriculum books have been ordered for next year's intern training class. An e-reader version will also be available for \$70. If there are at least 10 members who would like to purchase a hardcover curriculum book, there would be 50% off the purchase price of the hardcover curriculum book. The 2016 intern class will receive a free copy to replace the proof copies that they were given during internship.

**Fall Snack Signup:** Pam West stated that a signup sheet was at the front table for members to volunteer to bring snacks to the General Meetings.

**Outreach:** Ruby Lewis announced that there are several opportunities to volunteer that qualify for VT credit. Ruby informed us that she would give more details at next month's General Meeting:

- Xtreme Hummingbird Xtravaganza– September 10 & 17
- KBR Kids' Day at Buffalo Bayou- October 15

Ruby advised members to check the calendar for updates. She also reported that the reptile shows at the various libraries had a great turnout. Ruby explained that she has experienced technical difficulties with her computer and as such some emails may not have been received. However, she asked for the volunteers to please show up at the previously arranged times.

**Miscellaneous** Mickey Dufilho announced that there would be a fundraiser with a silent auction and a guest speaker on Sunday, November 6 at GCBO 3 p.m.- 6 p.m. The speaker will speak about 'Birds on the Bayou'.

Laurel Owen expressed her gratitude to Pete and Peggy Romfh and to Jimmy Salinas, Roy Morgan, Kirby Rapstein and many others who had helped her and Rich after their house flooded in the Brazos River flooding.

Mike Mullins praised Bryan and Vicky Adams for their efforts with the 'Turtle Patrol'. There were numerous sightings found on the Texas coastline.

George Bettinger gave a 'Zika' update.



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**Nature Notes Update:** Jill Carroll stated that one can earn up to 1 hour of VT for preparing and presenting at a general monthly meeting. She encouraged future presentations. Contact Jill Carroll for more information. 281-384-4244  
[jillcarroll725@gmail.com](mailto:jillcarroll725@gmail.com)

**Nature Notes:** Pete and Peggy Romfh spoke about 'Carnivorous Plants on the Refuge'.

**Guest Speaker:** Amanda Anderson spoke about 'Beach Nesting Birds at Matagorda Bay Nature Park and Bryan Beach'.

After the completion of the program, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 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
- Presentations: Code is "AT: I Received Training", 1.5 Hours

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Britt, Secretary, TMN-COT