



CRADLE OF TEXAS CHAPTER
AGRI LIFE EXTENSION BLDG.
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TMN-COT GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, August 10, 2016, 9:05 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
AgriLife® Extension Building
Angleton, Texas

Dave Brandes, President called the meeting to order and presented the agenda at 9:05 am.

Attendance:

Sixty-four members and two guests (Sheila Tepper and Linda Leinen) were in attendance.

Treasurer's Report:

Don Sabathier presented the financial report for

July 1 – July 31, 2016

<u>Beginning Balance</u>	\$ 9,650.16
Revenue Summary	17.00
Interest	1.90
Expense Summary	1,633.06
<u>Ending Balance</u>	\$ 8,036.00

Don stated that the largest portion of the expense was due to purchasing the new hard cover curriculum books. He also noted that we could expect more significant expenses for the month of August due to the upcoming 15th Anniversary Celebration.

VMS Reporting & Awards: Jerry Eppner reported that the new code structure has greatly improved accuracy of entries. He noted that the amount of volunteer hours completed and reported year-to-date are well ahead compared to last year's at this time, and stated that we should have a record year.

Jerry also reported that he has completed a self-audit of the VMS in preparation for an upcoming audit by the State, and reminded everyone that you are not allowed to enter expected hours in advance of completion.



Jerry announced the following awards:

Neeta Allen	Recert for 2016
Anne Bettinger	Recert for 2016
John Boettiger	Recert for 2016
Patty Brinkmeyer	Recert for 2016
Barbara Burkhardt	Recert for 2016
Jim Calvert	Recert for 2016
Jill Carroll	Recert for 2016
Susan Conaty	Recert for 2016
Jerry Eppner	Recert for 2016
Cindy Goodrum	Recert for 2016
Judy Greene (2016 intern)	Recert for 2016
Anna King	Recert for 2016
Chris Kneupper	Recert for 2016
Jerry Krampota	Recert for 2016
Karen Leder (2016 Intern)	Recert for 2016
Mel McKey	Recert for 2016
Jo Myers (2016 intern)	Recert for 2016
Herbert Myers (2016 intern)	Recert for 2016
Lisa Myers (2016 intern)	Recert for 2016
Candace Novak	Recert for 2016
Laurel Owen	Recert for 2016
Kirby Rapstein	Recert for 2016
Linda Sluis	Recert for 2016
Pam West	Recert for 2016
Oron Atkins (2016 intern)	250 hr VT Bronze
Sheree Muzny	250 hr VT Bronze
Jeanne Manry	1000 hr VT Gold
Jerry Eppner	2500 hr VT Polished Silver
Ed Johnson	2500 hr VT Polished Silver
Jim Calvert	4000 hr VT Ruby
Dave Brandes	5000 hr VT Diamond

Advanced Training: Peggy Romfh reported that registration and details are not yet available for the annual state meeting, and reminded everyone to keep checking <http://www.txmn.org> as they should be posted soon. She also noted that although the stormwater workshop (Managing Our Stormwater, from Gutter to Gator) scheduled for August 12, 2016 was already full, there are two other opportunities to register: September 29, 2016 and March 4, 2017. See calendar for details.



Volunteer Time (Service Projects): Pete Romfh noted that he would be catching up on calendar entries on the website soon, and encouraged people to sign up for GCBO's upcoming clean-up event on August 27, 2016 in preparation for the Xtreme Hummingbird Xtravaganza (XHX). GCBO will also need volunteers for the XHX event to assist with parking, selling native plants, etc.

In addition, David Plunkett noted that there will be a 50th Anniversary event for the Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge on November 12, 2016, and they will need a lot of volunteers.

New Hardcover Curriculum Books: Carolyn May-Monie reported that the new hardcover curriculum books had been received for the 2016 and 2017 intern classes, and they are beautiful! 2016 interns may pick up their books after signing for them. She is taking orders from members to be included in a group order, at the reduced rate of \$40 per book. Checks should be made out to the chapter and given to Don Sabathier. The e-reader version is available for the full price of \$70, although prices are slightly less on Amazon and Google.

September Meeting: Dave Brandes announced that the September General Meeting will be held on September 14, 2016 at the Lake Jackson Civic Center at 10:00 a.m. The chapter will celebrate its 15th Anniversary following the General Meeting, with a potluck dinner. Ellis Burkhardt, Marty Cornell and Roy Morgan will be barbecuing brisket purchased by the chapter. Dave encouraged members to make a note of anecdotes from the last 15 years and bring them to the celebration. We will also be commemorating Connie Stolte's retirement; she has been an advisor to the chapter since its inception, and is also a certified Texas Master Naturalist.

Celebration Planning: Pam West requested volunteers to provide salads, side dishes and desserts for the potluck dinner at the 15th Anniversary Celebration. She also needs volunteers to assist with set-up before the General Meeting, and clean-up after the celebration. Sign-up sheets were available on the side table, but you may also contact her directly if you are able to help. It was decided that we will not need members to provide breakfast for the September General Meeting.

Outreach: In Ruby Lewis' absence, it was noted that sign-up sheets were available on the side table for the following events:

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

Nature Notes Update: Jill Carroll stated that one can earn up to 2 hours of AT for preparing and presenting at a general monthly meeting. She encouraged future



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presentations. Contact Jill Carroll for more information. 281-384-4244
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Nature Notes: Kristine Rivers spoke about 'Bats of Texas and Brazoria County'. Members expressed interest in a field trip to Bracken Cave near San Antonio, and Kristine agreed to check on whether or not it would be possible.

Guest Speaker: Darrin Griffith gave a presentation about 'Brazoria County Mosquito Control Presents the Mosquito'.

After the completion of the program, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 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 "AT: I Received Training", 1.5 Hours

Respectfully submitted,
Kristine Rivers (in lieu of Jean Britt, Secretary, who was absent)