



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

TMN-COT GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, November 08, 2016, 9:00 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.
AgriLife Extension Building
Angleton, Texas

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

Attendance:

Sixty nine members and four guests were in attendance: Vic Wade, Bill Mitchell, Joyce Mitchell, and Jim Scott.

President's Report:

Dave announced that we are now able to purchase TMN-COT shirts from and/or bring our own TMN-COT shirt to:

Ann's Custom Monogramming, 202 Gulf Blvd., Freeport, TX. 77541

ann@annsmonogramming.com

www.annsmonogramming.com

Phone: 979-233-5988

Dave thanked Carolyn May-Monie for looking into this second source for purchasing items. In addition, Dave reminded everyone that one can also purchase shirts and other items from the TMN website. Dave thanked the 2017 Nominating Committee, Mike Mullins, Neal McLain, and Carolyn May-Monie, for their recommendations for the Executive Board:

President: Kristine Rivers

Vice President: Jill Carroll

Secretary: Lisa Myers

Treasurer: Don Sabathier

Dave announced that these recommendations are required at least 15 days before the election and the vote will be by acclamation if there are no other nominations from the floor. The President-Elect will put the recommendations for the appointed Board positions before the Executive Board to confirm them.

Treasurer's Report:

Don Sabathier presented the financial report for October.

October 1 – October 31, 2016

<u>Beginning Balance</u>	\$ 6,233.30
Revenue Summary	409.59
Interest	.56
Expense Summary	1,325.25
<u>Ending Balance</u>	\$ 5,317.64



Membership Report:

Awards/VMS Profiles/VMS Updates:

Jerry Eppner recognized the following members who have recertified for 2016:

Roger Allen	Ellis Burkhardt	Mickey Dufilho
Donna Graham	Phil Huxford	Jeanne Manry
Andy Smith		

The Bronze Service Award for the completion 250 Volunteer Hours was presented to:

Anna King	Robert Salzer	Linda Sluis
Lorna Witt		

Jerry announced that 107 out of 118 current members have submitted hours. He asked everyone to submit one's hours in a timely fashion as the state will be looking at these hours in mid-January. Currently more than 12,700 VT hours and 600 AT hours have been entered into the VMS. He reported that the VMS entries have increased as people have fine-tuned their skills in inputting the entries.

Volunteer Time (Service Projects) Dave Brandes and Pete and Peggy Romfh announced AT/VT opportunities:

- DEEP is ongoing. Check the calendar for dates.
- GCBO Smith Point Hawk Watch is daily through November 15
- November 12 BNWR 50th Anniversary Celebration
- November 15 Prairie Seed Collection and Removal of Invasive Species at Nash Prairie 9:00 a.m.
- GCBO Invasive Species Removal Project Dates (to be determined)
- October 20-22, 2017 TMN State Meeting, Corpus Christi

Check the TMN-COT calendar for details at <http://www.tmn-cot.org/Calendar/index.html> check the calendar for updates as there are many volunteer opportunities.

Peggy also stated that the Texas Water Specialization program was another excellent AT opportunity. This program involves 8 hours of approved Texas Water Advanced Training and 10 hours of approved water focused community service projects. For more information, please go to: <http://tpwd.texas.gov/education/water-education/texaswatersprogram>

Peggy stated to contact her or Pete if interested. If a sufficient number of people are interested, the new AT Coordinator-Johnny Smith- would work with us to get training scheduled in early 2017.

Tom Morris explained another VT opportunity-the "Audubon Christmas Bird Count". This is the nation's longest-running citizen science bird project: 117 years. These counts are



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scheduled for dates in December 2016 and January 2017. The dates are not confirmed so Tom advises us to check the TMN-COT website and/or the Audubon website.

2017 Snack Signup: Pam West reported that the Snack Sign-Up sheets for 2017 are on the table and to please help by signing up to bring snacks.

Outreach: Ruby Lewis announced that there are several opportunities to volunteer.

- DEEP is ongoing. Check the calendar for dates.
- Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge 50th anniversary at the Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge-November 12
- Festival of Lights at Lake Jackson (near the Civic Center) - November 19, 10 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Volunteers will also be needed for the 8:30 set-up.

Ruby advised members to check the calendar for further details. She stated that the DEEP and HWEPP programs have many volunteer opportunities.

State Representative: Ed Barrios announced that he has 124 volunteers for the Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge 50th Celebration. He sent out emails explaining the volunteer parking details. Volunteers are asked to arrive between 8:00-8:15. Shuttles will be provided. Meal tickets will be provided to volunteers at the Information Booth. The weather forecast is favorable. Volunteers are asked to wear their yellow polo shirt or their green polo shirt. Ed thanked everyone for their help. Ed also spoke about the 'Hog Wild Party' which follows the General Meeting on December 14.

Nature Notes: Candace Novak spoke about "Brazoria County Ticks That Transmit Zoonotic Diseases".

Guest Speaker: David Sarkozi spoke about 'Smart Phone Apps for Naturalists'.

Before Dave Brandes adjourned the meeting, he reminded us that the General Meeting on December 14 will start at 9:30-one hour later. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 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 (up to 1 hr.)
- Advanced Training (Nature Notes and Smart Phone Apps. for Phones), AT:I received training, 1.25 hr. (no travel)

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Britt, Secretary, TMN-COT