

Cradle of Texas Chapter
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Minutes: General Meeting, March 14, 2007

President Ed Barrios called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Tom Morris gave a synopsis of membership and presented the service awards for February.

The Cradle of Texas Chapter has trained 118 volunteers since 2001, of which 94 have certified. There are presently 79 active members, of which 72 turn in hours. There were 64 who recertified in 2006. The chapter has 90% participation by its membership.

Service Awards: Recertification--2006- Barbara Bruyere, Paula Jacobs, Sherry Summers
2007-Dave Brandes, Laura Brandes, James Calvert, Ruby Lewis, Carolyn May-Monie, Jim Renfro,
Kermit Schlameus, Susan Severance

250 Hours—Bronze Pin-Ruby Lewis, Kerry Magee, Clyde Zilliox

Congratulations All!

Tom requests that you turn in your hours on time so that he has time to get the recertification pins from the state, before the monthly meetings.

Jerry Eppner reported a balance of \$3300.00. Seventy percent of the chapter has paid their dues. Please pay Jerry if you haven't already submitted your dues. We have a positive cash flow at the present time, but need the dues to cover chapter expenses during 2007.

Carolyn May-Monie presented information on the new schedule for ConocoPhillips education classes. She needs help so please sign up for a half or full day. The classes are being held on Thursdays and she hopes not to have a conflict for those of us who also help with the education program at Brazoria NWR. This is a pilot program and will be reviewed in May before further commitments are made by the chapter.

Marty Cornell asked for help with two projects during the Migration Celebration, April 14. We need volunteers to help Mickey Dufilho with the horse drawn wagon tours and Gerald Forrest needs help with the van tours. Members were asked to sign the sheets passed around if they could help. Justina could also use more help for the night walk on Friday.

Marty Cornell reviewed the presentation he gave at the regional meeting in Feb. Seven of the ten chapters in the region were present. He also reviewed the class fees charged by other chapters. Some chapters charge as much as \$150.00 for training, but refund \$50.00 after an intern certifies. In all the other chapters, the cost of the classes does not appear to inhibit people who are interested in the training. He also reported that all chapters have dues and some even charge \$1.00 per meeting for refreshments. The Galveston chapter promotes "fun, food and fellowship" by having covered dish meals at some of their meetings.

There being no further business, Justina introduced our speaker for the advanced training. Teri MacArthur, president of the Heartland Chapter, Montgomery/Waller counties, presented the training on "Mushrooms and other Fungi". Those attending the class receive credit for **two hours** of advanced training.

Respectively submitted:
Barbara Burkhardt
Secretary

April Board Meeting: Wednesday, April 4, 3:00-5:00 p.m., Extension Service, Angleton