

TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST



CRADLE OF TEXAS CHAPTER

Chapter News – July 2004

Editor, Mary Helen Israel

GENERAL MEETING, WEDNESDAY JULY 14, 9:00 AM

The previously scheduled program is postponed to a later date, instead, we will be fortunate to hear from Barbara Burkhardt and Denis James. Barbara will talk about Hummingbird Gardens and Denis is telling us about Whooping Cranes. You don't want to miss these outstanding presentations.

A NOTE FROM THE PRZ, CAROLYN MAY-MONIK

Item 1.

Please review the following from the *Chapter Management Guidelines* Section:

Texas Master Naturalist Title

.... The Texas Master Naturalist title **may not** be used for advertising or other business purposes. The Texas Master Naturalist program is a public service program operated by TCE and TPWD to provide accurate, unbiased natural resources information. The Texas Master Naturalist title **may not be identified with any particular political viewpoint and used only when**

doing unpaid volunteer work associated and approved by the program.... Voilation of the policy

concerning the use of the title of Texas Master Naturalist is grounds for removing the certification of a member or possible grounds for revoking the charter of a chapter.

Item 2. Your Hours of Service

Please turn in your volunteer hours and advanced training hours to Tommie Holt **every month. Delay in reporting causes a bottle neck in our data collection process.**

TREASURER'S REPORT FROM AL BRUSHWOOD

Shown below are the financial results for the first half of 2004:

Bank Balance Beginning of Year:	
	\$1,908
Income:	
Interest	\$5
Class Fees (2 students)	\$200
Total	\$205
Expenses:	
Lunches/snacks	\$45
Badges	\$38
Display Material	\$417
Scrapbook	\$75
Total	\$575
Current Bank Balance:	\$1,539

**TMN (OT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING MINUTES, MAY 12, 2004
(EXT OFFICE) 9:00AM.**

**I. Opening Comments (Carolyn
May-Monie)**

- A.** Issues: Advanced training cannot be counted as volunteer time!
- B.** Our new chapter display board has been ordered and it has a header board.
- C.** The By Laws Committee has met and will meet again soon.
- D.** Tommie Holt explained that out of the 53 active members we have, only 18 have sent him reports to date this year. He requests members to send monthly reports so he can keep up to date and send Carolyn May-Monie the quarterly reports. Although he had a couple of hard disc failures, please contact him by e-mail, tholt@f8click.com, to be sure all of your forms have been received.

**II. Pins & Re-certifications
(Tommie Holt)**

- A.** Denis James received his Silver pin for 500 hours.
- B.** Re-certifications included: Betty Bouley, Tom Collins, Carolyn May-Monie, Maurice Monie, John Boettiger, Justina Dent, Carl Dodson, Becky McKinney, and Tracie Teague.

**III. Field Trips & Meetings (Denis
James)**

- 6-2-04 @ the Planetarium (9:00a.m.)
Bottomlands Trail
- 7-14-04 on Prairie Restoration
(presenter pending)
- 8-11-04 @ Brazos Bend State Park
(9:00a.m.) David Heineke on
Dragonflies
- 9-1-04 Rich Tillman on Oysters

IV. AT/Vol (John Thayer)

The last sessions at the BP Nature Area will be 5-14 & 5-20-04 (9-1:00p.m.) with Fred Lewis.

V. Others

- A.** Barbara Burkhardt thanked John Thayer for having all of the class schedule completed.
- B.** Justina Dent is doing a presentation this Thursday at the Arboretum at 6:30p.m. on the Amphibian Watch and checking how pollution levels affect that population. The cost is \$10.00 and it will count as AT (must pre-register).

VI. Thank You Party

- A.** Bryan Adams, Tom Schneider and Jennifer Wilson from the UFWS were there to thank all of those who participated in the Migration Celebration. There were 56% of our TMN who helped out that weekend! They also discussed the need for help with Hudson Woods (trails etc). For example, they do Willow cuttings that kids can take home to plant. This program is still revolving to help kids get refuge experience. There is also a boardwalk project from the parking lot to the lake. Contact: bryan_adams@fws.org, tom_snyder@fws.org, or jennifer_wilson@fws.org.
- B.** Denis James presented Jim Renfro and Tom Collins "thank you" dragonfly pins in appreciation for their talks.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rainbo Johnson, Secretary

CALENDAR OF FUTURE EVENTS

July 14 – General Meeting, 9:00 am,
Prairie Restoration, Tracie Teague
August 11, 9:00 am - Field trip,
Dragonflies @ Brazos Bend
September 1 – General Meeting,
9:00 am, Oysters, Rich Tillman

October 28 – Lecture at Brazos
Bend on Grasses by Flo Hannah,
followed by field trip to Nash Prairie
November 17 – General Meeting,
9:00 am, Texas Mushrooms, Susan
Metzler
December ? – Field trip at GCBO,
Grassland Birds, Sumita Prasad

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