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TMN COT August 12, 2009 General Meeting Minutes

President Dave Brandes opened the meeting at 8:55 a.m. with a slide shown by Marty Cornell of the May COT trip to Matagorda Island with Dr. Wayne McAlister. Due to the extremely dry weather the fall Matagorda trip will be postponed until the spring when hopefully more vegetation will be available for observation.

Announcements:

President Dave reported to the assembly that Neal McLain had been in a serious car accident, but by a miracle he was there today, and Neal assured the group he was doing fine.

Dave also stated that Xtreme Hummingbird Xtravaganza will be needing volunteers every Saturday in September. A sign-up sheet was circulated for members to choose time slots for serving.

Ruby Lewis gave a report of the Summer Brazoria County Library Educational Program. The June Reptile Program was presented 15 times to 11 libraries. The July Mini-Coastal Expo Program was presented in eight libraries. Twenty-five different COT members volunteered for the benefit of 1,104 children and 493 adults. Several area groups, also, supported the endeavor.

Carl Dodson announced that the 2009-2010 INEOS Program will begin October 2. Details of the program are available on the COT website.

Barbara Burkhardt presented the COT t-shirts available for sale at \$12-14. This year an added choice is a sweat shirt. The denim shirts all have logos embroidered whereas the t-shirts are stamped with the TMN COT logo. Orders may be placed this month or until the end of September. The checks are to be made out to COT, and members may pay when they pick up their shirts.

Awards:

Jerry Eppner presented the COT awards:

Interns certified for 2009Howard Allen
John Battle

Recertified for 2009.....Neal McLain
Roy Morgan
Betty Bouley

He reported that 35-36 out of 60-70 active COT members have recertified this year.

John Boettiger stated that pictures submitted to Texas Fish and Game magazine do get published eventually. Twenty one months ago he sent in pictures of his son and granddaughter with white tail in Blanco, TX and shared the magazine page for members to view. He, also, reported that his older son is doing better with his cancer treatment.

He stated that the GPS class will be offered later this year in an Angleton ISD classroom. **Rich Tillman** said that John's GPS class was offered as 4-H training at Camp Mohawk last week with 75 4-H youth participating plus enjoying GeoCaching.

Laura Brandes presented the Camp Mohawk Day Nature Day Camp Evaluation. She reported that 15 COT members assisted in the successful pilot venture and the information would be passed on to the Brazoria County Parks.

She informed the assembly that the COT Intern program was progressing well. Nine new people have signed up for the program, making 16 interns for 2009. Eight or nine have already passed the program, and all but one of these has certified.

She presented the updated TMN COT Training Brochure. Members may soon pick several to share with potential interns or place in appropriate locations. She would like people to volunteer to continue to keep such spots supplied with brochures.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9: 27 a.m. followed by AT with Richard Hurd, Director, Brazoria County Parks Department on the "County Master Plan " including future Park Department plans with suggestions as to how TMN COT volunteer members may be of assistance.

Thirty-nine COT members signed the attendance sheet.

Respectively submitted,
Joan Simonsen
Secretary

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