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TMN COT July 8, 2009 General Meeting Minutes

President Dave Brandes opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. following a Camp Mohawk slide show from the Pilot Nature Day Camp held the weeks of June 15 and June 22. He informed the membership that TMN COT Advanced Training Chair, Earl Roberts, died Friday, July 3, 2009, from a sudden heart attack. A moment of silence was held in his honor.

Awards:

Jerry Eppner presented COT awards:

Recertified for 2009James Calvert
Rainbo Johnson
Kirby Rapstein

Announcements:

Laura Brandes announced that COT Interns Steve Upperman and Howard Allen had completed their intern training.

She also thanked the Camp Mohawk volunteers. She reminded the volunteers that their camp evaluation was due Friday. The recent Brazos Mall Recruitment Volunteer Fair COT booth produced seven intern prospects signing up out of 10 people who showed interest in TMN. COT presently has 12 active interns and eight have passed their intern training.

President Dave Brandes thanked the COT booth volunteers at the Freeport Fishing Fiesta over July 3-4 who served by contacting 1,000 people.

The October 7 General Meeting will be moved to St. Mary's Episcopal Church, in West Columbia. The speaker will be Dr. Barron Rector, Associate Professor and Extension Specialist at Texas A & M University. Following the meeting, Dr. Rector will lead a field trip through Nash Prairie.

John Battle will replace Earl Roberts as COT Advanced Training Chair.

Jerry Kampota was featured in a news article in *The Facts* describing his wildscape garden.

President Dave announced the Clean Water Initiative will be July 15 at Brazosport College in Lake Jackson.

Denis James informed the membership that Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge road construction is completed. Big Slough is still only 15% fresh water. The Black-necked Stilt is one of the few birds there.

President Dave said Drum Bay is presently hyper saline with 40/ppt.

John Boettiger thanked Laura Brandes for her help in getting the AT scheduled through the end of the year. The Angleton School District GPS Course still has 10-12 openings for anyone interested. He gave a good report on his son's cancer condition.

The meeting was adjourned at 9: 20 a.m. followed by AT with COT Bill Brown, Biologist, on Endangered Species.

Forty-six COT members signed the attendance sheet.

Respectively submitted,
Joan Simonsen
Secretary

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