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TMN COT January 13, 2010 General Meeting Minutes

President Carl Dodson opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. with a review of the agenda.

Awards:

Jerry Eppner presented the following awards:

2009 Certified -	Mary Holler
2009 Recertification-	Jane Eppner
	Phil Huxford
	Janet Clemenson
	Clyde Zilliox
	Steve Zilliox
	Tom Johnson (Recently moved)
	Candace Novak
250 Volunteer Hours -	Candace Novak
250 Volunteer Hours -	Denis Mudderman
Recently Moved -	Tom Johnson

Announcements:

Jerry Eppner reviewed that the preferred and most efficient way to submit 2010 Time Sheets is to use the Excel Spread Sheet from the web site; also the importance of volunteer time for (1) personal and chapter recognition and (2) TMN funding.

The 2010 DEEP classes resumed January 12th and INEOS classes resume Friday, January 22nd.

The Dunes Day project for dune replacement is January 23rd at Quintana County Park and Stahlman Park, 9:00 a.m. – NOON.

The GCBO announces that the Quintana Neotropical Bird Sanctuary cleanup day is also January 23rd.

The Refreshment Volunteers Roster for 2010 is changing to four people per meeting and the roster was available for signing up.

Sandy Henderson is now accepting 2010 dues.

Denis Mudderman reminded everyone about the 2010 Migration Celebration Nature Photo Contest coordinated by Kathy Adams Clark and Larry Ditto and information brochures were distributed.

Tom Morris expressed thanks for all the volunteer assistance for the December bird counts.

Carl Dodson related some interesting facts about the chapter's history, including the facts that the first meeting was held on March 12, 2002, and that the chapter has accumulated over 80,000 volunteer hours.

Ed Barrios added that the chapter averages about 12,000 hours annually.

Ed Barrios informed the chapter about Marty Cornell's serious surgery that will be performed next Monday, January 18th, and a get well card was circulated for everyone to sign.

Intern Update:

Laura Brandes recognized two new interns who joined in December, 2009: James and Irama Wesselman of Columbia Lakes. Also recognized were two new interns who joined in January, 2010: James Albritton of Sweeney and Jeanne Manry of Brazoria. She also made available the TMN color brochure and encouraged recruiting new interns.

Retirement:

Carl Dodson honored the upcoming retirement of Rich Tillman and Sandra Smith, both of whom have had vital roles in the success of the chapter. Rich was one of the original chapter sponsors and along with the other original sponsor, Connie Stolte, were the first sponsors in Texas to become TMN certified. Rich and Sandra were presented plaques commemorating their services; Sandra for administrative services since the chapter charter date of September, 2001, and Rich for being a chapter charter member since September, 2001. Rich was also awarded the very special honor by the chapter of being named a Life-Time Member. Beautifully decorated cakes and other refreshments and visitation were enjoyed with these two retirees during the break period.

Advanced Training:

At 10:00 a.m. the chapter reconvened and Laura Brandes introduced the guest speaker, Johnney Pollan, Jr., to speak on Archaeology 311, Karankawa Indians. At the conclusion it was announced that the field trip to Lake Jackson Plantation Grounds was to be held Saturday, January 16th, at 9:00 a.m., weather permitting. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Ed Johnson
Secretary