

Minutes of the COT GENERAL MEETING,

WEDNESDAY September 14, 2011

Civic Center, Lake Jackson, Texas

Start Time: 10:30. 52 Active Members, 3 inactive members, 1 former member who transferred to another chapter, 9 guests, our AgriLife sponsor Corrie Bowen and the Texas Master Naturalist State Coordinator Michelle Haggerty attended this 10th Anniversary Celebration.

**Membership** chair Jerry Eppner passed out the certification pin to Donna Graham and the recertification pin to John Boettiger and Ed Barrios. Ed and Tom Morris have surpassed 2,500 hours of volunteer service and received their polished silver dragonfly pin.

**COT 10th Anniversary Luncheon**

The rest of the meeting celebrated the 10th anniversary of the founding of our Cradle of Texas chapter and featured a remembrance by our first president, Tom Collins, of the process that created our chapter. Michelle Haggerty, Texas Master Naturalist State Coordinator reviewed the impact of TMN and the present state of our organization. Members were recognized by class.

The catered luncheon followed and was augmented by a slide show covering our ten-year history.

**TMN State Meeting**

Members were advised to sign up early for rooms and AT sessions that is offered for the 2011 TMN state convention at Mo Ranch, October 21st through 23rd. The Dow Woods trails will be our chapter's project that will be presented this year.

Submitted by Marty Cornell, Secretary, Texas Master Naturalist, Cradle of Texas Chapter