

Minutes of the GENERAL MEETING of the
Texas Master Naturalist Cradle of Texas Chapter
WEDNESDAY December 14, 2011
AgriLIFE Extension Building, Angleton, Texas

Attendance: 36 Active Members, guest: Gabriela McCrae

Start Time: President Barbara Burkhardt opened the meeting at 10:25 am.

Membership Chair Jerry Eppner presented Leo O'Gorman with his certification pin, and pins to five members present who have re-certified; Jerry Krampota, Carolyn May-Monie, Ramah O'Gorman, Bob Woods, and Pam Peltier. Those who recertified, but who were not present are Phyllis Gerdes, Billy Heck, and Georgia Monnerat. Charlie Clements was recognized for reaching 250 hours of VT.

Jerry noted that the chapter members have reported just under 9,900 VT hours to date, which is considerably below the over 13,000 VT hours turned in at this time last year. He urged members to turn in their hours before our deadline of January 10th, needed to compose and file our chapter report by the state deadline of January 16th.

Chapter Elections resulted in the following members elected to chapter offices:

<u>President</u>	<u>Barbara Burkhardt</u>
Vice President	Mary Holler
Secretary	Marty Cornell
Treasurer	Sandy Henderson
Membership Chair	Jerry Eppner
Training Chair	Ed Johnson
State Representative	Ed Barrios

Dave Brandes continues on the board as Past President

Committee Chairs are appointed and approved by the board. These positions are currently:

<u>Chair</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
Volunteer Time	Neal McLain
Advanced Training	Tom Morris
Outreach	Ruby Lewis
Chapter Host	Jerry Krampota
Webmaster	Neal McLain
Newsletter	Mary Helen Israel

Advanced Training topics were solicited from the membership by Barbara Burkhardt.

Christmas Bird Count opportunities were reviewed by Tom Morris; details are available on the COT website. Members were encouraged to participate.

Tom also commented that the first **Birds and Bottomland Blitz** at GCBO on December 10th was attended by four people who showed up for the program, and by five others who casually stopped by GCBO and joined in the presentations of Jerry Eppner and himself. The one-hour bird count that followed their talks identified 40 species!

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 am, and was followed by a White Elephant gift exchange.

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