

**Minutes of the GENERAL MEETING of the
Texas Master Naturalist Cradle of Texas Chapter
WEDNESDAY September 12, 2012
AgriLIFE Extension Building, Angleton, Texas**

Attendance: 38 members and 1 guests: Billy Parsons, a potential intern for the 2013 training class. President Barbara Burkhardt opened the meeting at 8:57 am.

General Announcements:

- ✓ Barbara reported that the first Nature Night at the Library of the fall season was her September 11th lecture on hummingbird migration, given to 12 people at the Pearland library. The second hummingbird talk will be on September 18th at the Brazoria Library and be followed by a reptile talk on September 25th at the Angleton library. See the chapter calendar for details.
- ✓ The first Xtreme Hummingbird Xtravanza (XHX) session of this fall was held with very good attendance last Saturday, September 8th at the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory. Cradle of Texas members made up the predominate source of volunteers. The second session will be this Friday, September 15th.
- ✓ Members were encouraged to pay their 2012 dues, if they have not yet done so.
- ✓ The state TMN meeting, October 26 through 28 in Navasota, Texas, has filled available on-site rooms. Nearby rooms in Navasota have been reserved for additional attendees.

Corrie Bowen was honored with a plaque for his service as our substitute chapter advisor in the interim between the retirement of Rich Tillman and John O'Connell's arrival as Brazoria County's new Coastal and Marine Agent/COT-chapter advisor.

Service Awards were presented by Barbara Burkhardt to Carole Wenny, who surpassed 1000 hours of VT last month, and to Justina Dent, who recertified.

Angelika Fuller was welcomed as a new member of COT, having transferred from the Goodwater Chapter (Georgetown, Texas). Angelika is a recent graduate of Texas State University with a degree in environmental science and has joined the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), working at the Texas Mid-coast National Wildlife Refuge Complex.

Training Chair Ed Johnson noted that 20 prospect interns have indicated an interest in next year's training class. These potential members came from referral from the TMN state website and from our recruiting at Migration Celebration and from last Saturday's XHX (six names). Ed is finalizing the 2013 class schedule.

Per the COT Policies and Procedures, at the September meeting of the Cradle of Texas board meeting, President Barbara Burkhardt has formed an ad hoc committee of Dave Brandes, John Marshall, and Carole Wenny to **nominate candidates** to serve as chapter officers and committee chairs in 2013.

Bryan Adams, of the USFWS, invited COT members to become docents in this 2012-2013 Discovery Environmental Education Program (**DEEP**), starting with the first class on September 25th.

The general meeting ended at 9:25 am and was followed by a lecture from Dianna Foss; "Wildlife in an Urbanizing World".

Submitted by
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