

East Texas Chapter of Texas Master Naturalist
Meeting Minutes
December 5, 2009, 4:00 p.m.
Tyler Nature Center, Tyler, TX

The East Texas Chapter of Texas Master Naturalist met at the Tyler Nature Center in Tyler, TX on December 5, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. Twenty members, four guests and two Master Naturalist Advisors, were present. The meeting was called to order by President, Richard LeTourneau.

There being a Chapter Activity Day in November, there were no minutes or treasurer's report.

Announcements:

Richard LeTourneau presented 2009 certification pins to: Bobby Eatherton, Mary Jo Madden, Ann Reynolds, Gloria Rognlie, Nick Rognlies, Tappa Burt, Richard LeTourneau, Clyde McKinney, Neva Gates and Robert Gates. Gene Gordon will be awarded a gold pin for over 1000 volunteer hours.

Irene explained that office spaces at the Nature Center would be reorganized but the Herbarium display would still be located in the same area. She has obtained a computer for the Herbarium database and volunteer use.

Tappa Burt made a motion to raise dues to \$25 per person. The motion was seconded by Clyde McKinney. After discussion, an amendment to the motion was made by Bobby Eatherton and seconded by Tappa Burt to raise dues to \$15 per individual and \$25 per family.

Richard LeTourneau presented a slate of officers and asked for nominations from the floor. There being none, Linda Allen moved that the slate be accepted by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Nick Rognlie and approved by the membership. The 2010 slate of officers are:

Clyde McKinney – President, Cathy Eatherton – Vice President, Ann Reynolds – Secretary, and Bobby Eatherton – Treasurer.

Irene Hamel reminded the current officers the 2009 annual report is due January 15, 2010.

Brian Triplett stated an audit of the treasury need to be completed. Cathy Eatherton will bring the books to the January meeting so that this can be completed.

Brian has received approval from the *Tyler Morning News* to publish monthly articles from chapter members. These articles are due to Brian for the period January – March by December 15th. Articles must be topical, educational and timely. David Sierra will send articles from his files that can be used on an as needed basis.

Irene had current chapter brochures and encouraged all to distribute these to potential class attendees. She will be contacting people that attended the 2009 seminars to see if there is interest in signing up for the 2010 class. Advanced training will be awarded for seminars already attended.

Nick stated he had lunch with Al Toomey and that Al was not well. A card will be sent from the chapter.

The next chapter meeting will be January 7, 2009.

There being no further business, Irene made a motion, which was seconded by Tappa, to adjourn the meeting.

The annual Christmas party and dinner followed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Reynolds, Secretary, ETCTMN