

East Texas Chapter Texas Master Naturalist
Minutes of Meeting
January 3, 2008, 6:45 P.M.
Cotton Belt Building, Tyler, Tx

The East Texas Chapter of Texas master naturalist met at the Cotton Belt Building in Tyler, TX on January 3, 2008 at 6:45 p.m. The meeting was called to order by the new President, Richard LeTourneau.

The program was introduced by Vice President, Clyde McKinney. Clint Perkins from the Wood County Extension Service presented a program on The "Dirt on Dirt".

A break was taken after the program with refreshments provided by Cathy and Bobby Eatherton.

The meeting reconvened and minutes of the last meeting and the treasurer's report were presented and approved. The balance in our account is \$2139.74 and it was announced that dues are due for the 2008 year.

Announcements:

Chapter Activity Day is scheduled for Feb. 2, 2008 at the Nature Center from 9:00 – 12:00 a.m. for Advanced Training. Lunch will be provided by the chapter and a project work day will be held from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Recruitment of new members was discussed and also the placing of information regarding the new class in the newspapers again.

Four Committee Chair vacancies are available and need to be filled. We need members to commit to working on these committees. (Projects, Membership, Host, and Outreach) Richard Diekman and Bobby Eatherton will be on the Membership committee.

Chapter Handbook revision – Tappa Burt will continue working on these revisions.

Clyde McKinney volunteered to bring refreshments to the March meeting.

It was announced by Irene Hammel that 3 paid applicants have signed up for the new class. It was discussed that if the class doesn't make that we could still offer the class, invite the public and charge a fee for each class.

A letter from Sandy Tibbs was presented for information only. This letter was offering logo and accessories to members through the Woodduck website. The board will review this and make a recommendation.

Recertification pins were presented to Gene Gordon and James Nixon.

Project committee currently needs a chairman. Since there is currently no chairman it was decided that new projects would go to the president and be approved by him and one advisor. We still need one member for this committee.

Cathy Eatherton requested an audit or review of the books. Two people are needed for this and it will be done on Jan. 19 when the first new class meets.

Irene discussed the upcoming Wildscape class and registration on Jan. 12 from 1:00-5:00 at the Nature Center. There is no cost for this workshop.

Clyde McKinney is looking for suggestions for speakers for our meetings and he passed out a calendar with scheduled activities on it and asked for suggestions and additions.

The Christmas Bird count is Jan. 5 and the Eagle count on Jan. 12 for anyone who is interested in participating.

There being no further business or announcements, Linda Allen made a motion that we adjourn and it was seconded by Gene Gordon. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Johnnie McWilliams, Secretary ETCTMN