

East Texas Chapter Texas Master Naturalist
Minutes of Meeting
September 4, 2008
Cotton Belt Building, Tyler, TX

The East Texas Chapter of Texas Master Naturalist met at the Cotton Belt Building in Tyler, TX on September 4, 2008 at 6:45 P.M. Sixteen members were present. The meeting was called to order by President, Richard LeTourneau.

Our Vice President, Clyde McKinney, introduced the speaker, Dr. Lynn Sherrod. He spoke about "The Asteraceae" (Sunflower/Daisy Family)

After the program there was a break for refreshments provided by Clyde McKinney.

The minutes of the April meeting were read and a motion was made by Ann Reynolds and seconded by Don Gibson that the minutes be approved as read. Motion carried.

Due to the absence of the treasurer, there was no treasurer's report given. The president stated that the balance in the account is around \$2400.00.

Anita Baker was welcomed to our chapter. She is a new transfer member.

Gloria Rognlie was not present at the meeting due to her husband's back surgery. She asked that it be announced that this Saturday's Herbarium meeting has been cancelled and the next meeting is scheduled for September 20.

Volunteer time and travel time were reviewed for clarification. As of the March 6, 2008 board meeting, the Chapter Operating Handbook states the following: Actual travel time to participate in approved volunteer service projects may be reported as volunteer service hours up to the greater of (a) three hours, or (b) the number of volunteer hours actually worked on the project. Any exception to this policy must be approved by the Board. **Travel time in accordance with the above, will count toward both original certification and annual recertification.**

Richard announced that Jim Nixon was to be presented his certification pin for 2007 but he was not present to receive it.

It was announced that the next chapter meeting will be on Thursday, Oct. 2, 2008 and we will not have a regular meeting in November. We will have a Chapter Activity Day on Saturday, November 1 at the Nature Center. There will be 3 hours of Advanced Training from 9:00-12:00. Lunch will be provided by the chapter. If you plan to have lunch you should **RSVP by October 25, 2008**. Project work will be from 1:00-4:00 P.M.

The resignation of Margaret Laws as Curriculum chairman was announced and there was a brief discussion regarding her replacement. We will need this position filled soon in order to move forward with planning for a Spring Class.

A volunteer was requested to provide refreshments for the October meeting. Ann Reynolds and Marilyn Shannon volunteered to take care of this.

Other announcements were as follows:

Land Management Workshop at the Nature Center on Sept. 13. There are 45 people registered at this time and the class will be capped at 70.

Clyde McKinney does not have a speaker for the October meeting at this time. He is working on a possible program on BIRDS. If you have ideas or suggestions of a possible speaker, let Clyde know.

There being no further business or announcements, the meeting was adjourned.

Johnnie McWilliams, Secretary, ETCTMN