

East Texas Chapter Texas Master Naturalist
Minutes of Meeting
April 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 April 3, 2008 at 6:45 P.M. Twenty three members were present. The meeting was called to order by President, Richard LeTourneau.

Our Vice President, Clyde McKinney, introduced the speaker, Mark Tietz, Arborist/Urban Forester, for the City of Tyler. He spoke about "Getting Acquainted With the Post Oak Savannah and Surrounding Habitats."

After the program there was a break for refreshments provided by Richard LeTourneau.

The minutes of the March meeting were read and a motion was made by Robert Gates and seconded by Gloria Rognlie that the minutes be approved as read. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was presented by treasurer, Cathy Eatherton. The balance in our account is \$2513.68. Cathy announced that a letter from the IRS requires that we file a non-profit status form 990 which she has taken care of. She will also send in information and the \$5.00 fee to register with the Secretary of State as the agent for our TMN local organization.

The president presented service pins to Gloria Rognlie (1000 hours), Gene Gordon (500 hours), and certification pins were presented to Margaret laws and Pan Lewis.

Our next Chapter Activity Day will be on May 3, 2008 at the Nature Center. This will be an opportunity for 3 hours of Advanced Training from 9:00-12:00 and 3 hours of volunteer work from 1:00-4:00. Irene Hamel offered to bring sandwich fixings for the day. Others are welcome to bring whatever they would like.

There will be no chapter meetings in June and July. There is a possibility of a field trip to Clymer Meadows in early June. There will be a CAD on August 2 at the Nature Center.

The TMN Picnic was held at OSBWMA on March 29. It was reported that the fish was delicious, desert was even better. Joe Bell cooked for the picnic and did an outstanding job. Everyone had a great time.

A volunteer to bring refreshments for the September meeting will be requested at the Chapter Activity Day in August.

Gloria Rognlie announced that Herbarium meetings will be held on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. and also on the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at the Nature Center. Please let Gloria know if you plan to attend.

Advanced Training will be offered on May 8 at a joint meeting of the Native Plant Society and Tyler Audubon Society. Our own president, Richard LeTourneau will speak on "Protecting the Wild Neches" at 7:00 p.m. at Pollard United Methodist Church.

Other announcements were made regarding the Amphibian and Mussel Watch Training Workshops as well as the Hummingbird Workshop. These are all listed in the newsletter. Please let Irene Hamel know if you plan to attend any of these.

Linda Allen announced the Leopold Education Project Workshop to be held on May 10 at Lon Morris College. There is a fee for lunch and materials used.

There being no further business or announcements, a motion was made by Tappa Burt and seconded by Linda Allen that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Johnnie McWilliams, Secretary ETCTMN