



The Searcher

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2004-2005 Officers:

President	Steven Coker
Vice President	Craig & Karen Latimer
Recording Secretary	Patty Humbird
Corresponding Secretary	Wanda Coker
Treasurer	Wayne Humbird

President's Message:

One of the most significant challenges faced by the president of any club is controlling the ebb and flow of the meetings such that when divisive issues arise all positions are appropriately represented and in the end any action taken should represent a middle ground acceptable to all parties. In the vast majority of cases this is not difficult with the Sea Shell Searchers. However, at the last club meeting we reached a decision which several members feel did not represent the best compromise. I accept full responsibility for this unfortunate situation.

I have had several club members approach me concerning the appropriateness of the decision by the club to make a donation from the club treasury to aid the victims of the recent tsunami in SE Asia. Every person is in agreement that relief is needed and in fact several people have already made personal donations. For several reasons, these club members do not support the decision to make a contribution from the club treasury. A motion to rescind this decision has been received and after discussion will be acted upon at the February meeting. I will not try to enumerate all of the issues at this time. Obviously, there will be more discussion at the meeting.

Steven Coker

February Meeting

February 1, 2005
Tuesday, 7:00 P.M.

at

Brazosport Museum of
Natural Science
Center for the Arts and Sciences
400 College Blvd.
Clute, Texas

Snacks at 7:00 P.M.
Meeting 7:30 P.M.

Refreshments by:

Snacks: Smock, Latimer

Drinks: Latimer

Program

Shelling in Chile

Dave & Nancy Barziza



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Committee Chairpersons

Auction	Wayne Humbird
Exhibits	Dean Harris
Field Trips	Darwin Alder
Historian	Janey Nill
Hospitality/Hostess	Freida White
Membership	Steven Coker
Museum Study Project	Roe Davenport
Newsletter Editor	Wanda Coker
Program	Craig Latimer
Publicity	Wanda Coker
Shell Show	Patty Humbird & Wanda Coker

Directory Correction

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Please let me know if you did not receive a directory or if you have any corrections. - Steven Coker

The Sea Shell Searchers of Brazoria County

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Center for the Arts and Sciences
400 College Blvd., Clute, Texas 77531

Club Meetings: 1st Tuesday each month
September – May
Brazosport Museum of
Natural Science

Membership: Individual \$8.00
Family \$10.00

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Minutes of the January 2005 Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: The January 4, 2005 meeting of the Sea Shell Searchers was called to order by President Steven Coker.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Wayne Humbird reported a balance of \$9846.65.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Steven Coker will distribute membership directory

Hospitality: Freida White may needs volunteers for food.

Field Trips: – no report

Auction: - no report

Programs: Craig Latimer announced next month's program will be the Barziza's trip to Chile

Shell Show: Wanda Coker reported on the 2004 Shell Show budgets. Wanda Coker proposed dates and places for 2005 Shell Show. The club decided to have a shell show in 2005 in the Terrace rooms. Dates will be October 21 – 23 if the dates do not interfere with Brazoria County Fair. If the fair interferes the dates will be November 4 – 6. Wanda will contact the fair for dates.

OLD BUSINESS:

Club brochure: Janey Nill reported that the brochure is ready to be printed. Frank Petway made a motion to print, second by Cliff Harris. Approved

Club T-shirt: Tina Petway is checking into the shirts

Brazoria County Fair: needs exhibits

NEW BUSINESS:

Mary Harris made a motion that the club donate \$1000 to relief efforts for the victims of the tsunami, seconded by Dennis Harris. Motion passed.

Frank Petway made a motion that a three member committee appointed by the president to determine options to whom and where the money should go and report to the club in February, seconded by Wanda Coker. Motion passed.

Rusti Stover announced that the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum is having a fund raiser.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wanda Coker announced that she and Steven are going to South Padre Island and invite others to join them.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Dean Harris, second by Dennis Harris to adjourn. Motion passed.

DOOR PRIZE: won by Harold White.

PROGRAM: Craig Latimer gave a program on *Conus pennaceus* complex.



Dates to Remember

February 1	Club Meeting
February 19	Shelling and Social at the Barziza's Bay House
March 1	Club Meeting
March 5	Houston Conchology Society Auction
April 5	Club Meeting
April 29-May 1	Texas Shellers Jamboree, San Antonio

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