

The Searcher

Sea Shell Searchers of Brazoria County

November 2008

President's Message

Hope to see everyone at the meeting. I will be giving a presentation on by dredging trip this summer.

Next meeting:

November 4, 2008 7:00 pm

Program: Dredging by Tina Petway

Food provided by: Coker, Norris, volunteers

Drinks provided by the club

CALL TO ORDER: The October 7, 2008, meeting of the Sea Shell Searchers was called to order by president Tina Petway.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS: Tina welcomed everyone; some members have had problems because of Hurricane Ike. Tina and Frank Petway drove down the Blue Water Highway, but the road is washed out, coastline has been changed, mostly old broken shells on beach. The Texas shell book should go to press later this month. A biodiversity list for the Gulf of Mexico is also being published.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A motion was made by Cliff Harris, seconded by Frank Petway to approve the minutes as mailed in the newsletter. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Wayne Humbird reported a balance. The club has received a book about Texas A&M at Corpus Christi for our donation to the Texas Shell book.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Newsletter: Patty Humbird - no report
2. Field Trip: not a good time for shelling due to Ike
3. Hospitality: have members signed up November and January
4. Historian: Sherry Tesch - no report
5. County Fair: Wayne Humbird has a sign up sheet for sitting in the exhibit. He showed pictures of the exhibits.
6. Program: Wanda Coker reported that Tina Petway will give a program on her Gulf dredging trip in November and December is covered dish and holiday party.
7. Membership: Dues are due, if you have not paid

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Wanda Coker asked if the club wants host a shell show in October 2009. A motion was made by Rusti Stover, second by Janey Nill to host a shell show in October 09. Motion passed. Dean Harris mentioned that we need more entries from the other shell clubs. Wanda Coker volunteered herself and Patty Humbird to co-chair the show.
2. Tina Petway has brochures for COA 2009 in Clearwater, Florida. She also has COA membership brochures.
3. Corpus Christi is looking for a program chair and programs for the Jamboree.
4. Leslie Crnkovic suggested a field trip to Lake Nacogdoches to collect fossils.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Jamboree will be in Corpus Christi, probably 1st weekend in May
2. George Wolf brought Cretaceous sea urchins from Alabama to share with club members.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made R.L. Norris and seconded by Cliff Harris. The motion passed.

PROGRAM: Wanda Coker gave a program on Conchological Curiosities - Chapter 1 is "When is a Shell not a Shell; Chapter 2 is "Sex in the Seaweed."

DOOR PRIZES won by Frieda White, R.L. Norris, George Wolf, Wanda Coker.

Wayne Humbird reports that the County Fair exhibits were enjoyed by Fair attendees.

The exhibits and winners were

Class 1 Texas Marine Collections:

Irene Norris - Padre Island Collection

Rusti Stover - Little Brazos River Fossils (Best of Class Ribbon and Mildred Tate Award)

Skylar Hammons - Texas Fossils

Class 2 General Collections

Patty Humbird - Panama (Best of Class Ribbon)

Rusti Stover - Devonian Fossils (Educational Ribbon)

Rusti Stover - Chocolates

Dean Harris - Pet Rock

Class 3 Systematic Collections

Leslie Crnkovic - Nautilus (Educational Ribbon, Chairman's Trophy)

Wayne Humbird - Family Tonnidae (Best of Class Ribbon)

Class 4 Single Species

Rusti Stover - Siratus beaultii

Rusti Stover - Hexaplex cichoreum

Wanda Coker - Australian Trumpet (Best of Class Ribbon)

Class 5 Educational Exhibits

Dean Harris and Patty Humbird - Spondylus (Best of Class Ribbon, Best Exhibit Overall)

Rusti Stover - Sands of the World (Best Educational Exhibit)

Class 6 Beachcomber

Dean Harris - Beach Trash

Slade and Chase Skinner - Sea Beans (Best of Class Ribbon, Best Youth Exhibit)

Rusti Stover - Sea Glass

Class 7 Handicrafts

Rosalinda Ramirez - Porthole with Painted Sanddollar

Rusti Stover - Shell Show (Best of Class Ribbon)

Patty Humbird - Shell Cards

People's Choice Awards were given to Slade and Chase Skinner, Rusti Stover, Dean Harris and Wayne Humbird

Thanks to those who helped host the exhibit during open hours.

Thanks to Dave Green for judging the exhibit.

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