

# Texas Herpetological Society

Minutes of the General Business Meeting held in conjunction with the  
Fall Symposium at the University of Texas, Austin, 3 November 2007

The business meeting was called to order at 1614 by President Travis LaDuc. In response to a request for any old business to be discussed, Charles Swift thanked LaDuc for arranging the Spring trip to the Miller Ranch and then reported that enough of the THS T-shirts that he had begun selling at the ranch had been sold to pay for the entire run. LaDuc responded that the Millers had very much enjoyed our visit. He noted that T-shirts were still available and that in addition copies of the current symposium poster were now available for \$2 and that copies of the latest update to Jim Dixon's Texas herp bibliography was also ready (for \$3). There being no additional old business, LaDuc turned the meeting over to incoming President Gad Perry.

After acknowledging the presence of Honorary President Cheyenne Hibbitts, Perry announced that the Southwest Region of Partners in Reptile and Amphibian Conservation (PARC SW) will be holding a meeting the first week of June next year, and that he feels THS should meet with them. The Horned Lizard Conservation Society and any other herpetological groups should also be involved, with each organization meeting separately as well. Texas Parks and Wildlife has promised financial support for the meeting. Perry explained that if we do participate in a joint meeting in June, we need to decide if THS would still hold its normal Spring field meeting and Fall symposium or if we should count the June meeting as the symposium and hold a Fall field meeting. The latter option was proposed as a motion, which was seconded and passed by show of hands.

Perry announced that he will try to set up a Fall field meeting at the Muleshoe grasslands for mid-September.

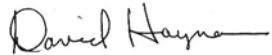
A motion to create a prize for the best student paper presented at the next meeting was moved, seconded, and passed. A motion that even though the next Fall meeting would be in the field elections would still be held during it was moved, seconded, and passed.

Perry announced that the Nominating Committee recommended the following candidates for consideration by the membership: Bob Tipton for Vice President, Laurie Dries for Board Member, and Terry Hibbitts for Newsletter Editor. When no additional nominees were advanced from the floor, election of the Committee's slate was moved, seconded, and approved by the members.

Matt Watson asked members to submit items that he could put on the Society's Web site, and Toby Hibbitts suggested posting the species lists from all of our past field trips. President Perry said that once all the details were finalized he would send a letter out to the membership about the June meeting with PARC and the Fall field meeting. All members present asked him to use e-mail, and David Haynes requested that everyone e-mail him with their electronic addresses.

There being no additional business or announcements, on an approved motion President Perry adjourned the meeting at 1731.

Respectively submitted,



David Haynes  
Secretary/Treasurer