## Jack County Wildlife Management Association P. O. Box 923, Jacksboro, TX 76458

## Minutes of General Membership Meeting held February 21, 2009

The first annual meeting of the JCWMA for 2009 was held at The First United Methodist Church, Jacksboro. Approximately 25 members and guests were in attendance. After visitation and lunch the meeting was called to order by President Keith Reeves.

Keith Reeves presented a check in the amount of \$300.00 from the JCWMA to Heath Lusty, Jack County Agricultural Extension Agent, to be used to sponsor a youth in one of the Texas Brigades Wildlife Leadership Camps.

This year's camps will be:

- South Texas Buckskin Brigade, La Bandera, Carrizo Springs, June 14-18, 2009.
- Rolling Plains Bobwhite Brigade, Centennial Lodge, Coleman, June 20-24, 2009.
- South Texas Bobwhite Brigade, 74 Ranch, Campbellton, June 28 July 2, 2009.
- Bass Brigade, Ft. Parker State Park, Mexia, July 13-17, 2009.
- North Texas Buckskin Brigade, Stasney's Cook Ranch, Albany, July 19-23, 2009.
- Feathered Forces, Hilltop Conference Center, Nacogdoches, July 26-30, 2009.

The camps are for students, ages 13-17, who have a strong interest in wildlife and natural resource conservation and management. Each camp is 4 1/2 days long and limited to 25-30 students. Although students can apply for all of the camps, they will only be selected for one program in order to accommodate as many participants as possible.

The Texas Brigades is also on the look-out for highly motivated adults from 20 to 60 years of age who are willing to serve as 'covey' or 'herd' leaders. JCWMA member, Ed Bright, has served in the Quail Brigade as a covey leader and said it was an outstanding educational experience for the leaders as well.

Applications are due by April 1, 2009. For more information, contact Helen Holdsworth at (800) TEX-WILD ext. 120, (210) 826-2904, (210) 332-3560, or <u>h\_holdsworth@texas-wildlife.ort</u> or click on <u>www.texasbrigades.org</u>.

Although the JCWMA has no control over the selection process, please let Heath Lusty know if you make an application, so the JCWMA sponsorship can be applied. JCWMA members are also encouraged to contact any youths they think would benefit from the Texas Brigades program, whether they live inside or outside of Jack County.

Also on the agenda was the election of new officers for 2009. The following were nominated and elected:

President -	Keith Reeves
Vice President -	Roy Leach
Secretary-Treasurer -	Tricia Reeves
Director – NW Quadrant -	Tim Detten
Director – NE Quadrant -	Mike Campsey
Director – SW Quadrant -	Tom Nethery
Director – SE Quadrant -	Rod Heltzel

Keith Reeves expressed special thanks to Heath Lusty for the support the JCWMA has received from the County Ag Extension office.

Keith asked that members contact him with suggestions regarding topics of interest for which he could arrange speakers.

Leslie Hathorn reminded everyone that the <u>www.JCWMA.org</u> website has an officer contact list. If anyone has links or suggestions for the website, please contact one of the officers.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. Please note the location will be the Scarbrough Community Center, located next to the First National Bank on S. Main in Jacksboro. Heath Lusty has a special presentation planned regarding wild hogs. Jennifer Barrow, TPWD biologist will also be giving a talk. And, Keith has arranged to have a lady speak to us about hummingbirds.