Texas Master Naturalist

El Camino Real Chapter

February 18, 2014

***Floridus Milamexa***

Members present: Katherine Bedrich, Cindy Bolch, Ann Collins, Dale Kruse, Linda Jo Conn, John Pruett, Cindy and Don Travis, Darlene Anglen

Discuss team members leading specific activity:

1. Data / Documentation Form:

 John, Linda Jo, Cindy B. and Don will develop the collection form.

1. Voucher collecting and mounting:

 Ann, Dale and John - contacts for collecting the specimen.

1. Communication:

 Katherine and Don - contacts for sending out notices / information.

1. Seed collecting:

 Katherine ( Debbi and Sandra ?) responsible for collecting seeds

1. Seed cleaning and storage:

 ( Flo ?)

Validation of plants was discussed. Need to have correct identification of species.

Each specimen / collection will have a number for tracking…

Other activities:

Photograph plant/s and habitat when collecting vouchers and seeds.

Scan plant and develop a scanned document. Cindy B and Linda Jo had a class on digital scanning at the State Meeting.

How many seeds to collect? 10,000? 1,000? Not sure.

A list of target plants was handed out. Chapter members will be asked to notify team about wildflowers on their property. This year may be exceptional for wildflower collecting.

Dale spoke about labeling the vouchers. He had a handout to show examples.

Dale also explained the importance of collecting the specimen, placement on paper, direction of corrugated cardboard, and allowing air to flow for the drying process in the plant press.

Charles King told Phyllis he would bring the subject of having a storage cabinet (for the vouchers) at the Milam County Museum to the Museum Board.

A handout on the 46 most common plant families in Texas; compiled by Ricky Linex – Wildlife Biologist – NRCS was given to members. This handout is from the 2013 State Meeting.

Several field guides were brought and shared.

Clint Walker has the paper bags for seed collecting.

Flo may be able to come in March and give us some Training for this project.

Ann suggested we go to Wilson-Ledbetter Park and collect plants that are blooming at this time. We decided to meet at the Park on Thursday February 20th – 2:00; team members will be notified.

Next meeting:

 Monday, March 24th at 2:00pm --- John Pruett’s.

 Bring flower press, camera, field guides, loupes, etc.