

**Texas Master Naturalist
El Camino Real Chapter
Chapter Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2014**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Barb Cromwell and was held at Rockdale General Store. Those in attendance included: Darlene Anglen, Katherine Bedrich, Cindy Bolch, Linda Jo Conn, Barb Cromwell, Sandra Dworaczyk, Janice Johnson, Kathy Lester, Dorothy Mayer, Pamela Neeley, John Pruett, Phyllis Shuffield, Kim Summers, Sheri Sweet, Wesley Sweet, and Rusty Thomas.

Treasurer—Cindy Bolch

Gave the treasurer's report and it was filed for audit.

Chair reports:

AT/VE—Kathy Lester

Upcoming AT opportunities: CoCoRaHS August 20, Wildlife Management August 30, NPSOT September 13.

Membership—Dorothy Mayer

Recertification for this year: Kathy Lester, Rusty Thomas

Certification: Clyde Adcock

Projects/Announcements

Barb Cromwell

New chapter brochures are on the table. Everyone is encouraged to take some and distribute.

Floridus Milamexa project—John Pruett

Had a practice gluing of pressed plants. John picked up three cabinets, and they are being stored at his place for now. On August 26, there will be a field trip on the El Camino Real beginning at the intersection of FM 908 and CR 429.

Project Bird Tails—Cindy Bolch

Took training with Joyce Conner from BVCMN on visiting nursing homes with Alzheimer's patients and sharing bird activities. Cindy wants the Chapter to participate with the area nursing homes on this project.

Nature of Milam County—Katherine Bedrich

Reminded members to turn in their observation sheets. Meeting scheduled for October 2 for next year's reading of **Sand County Almanac**.

Katherine also mentioned the Fold of the Flock project to remember the 100th anniversary of the extinction of the Passenger Pigeon. At the September meeting, the chapter will participate by folding paper pigeons.

A gift for Cheryl Walker who is retiring from the Extension Office in August was also discussed. Katherine Bedrich made a motion to present her with \$100, and it was seconded by Linda Jo Conn. The motion carried.

Nature stories were shared by the members.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Adcock

Following the meeting, Linda Jo Conn presented the program on iNaturalist.