# El Camino Real Chapter

Texas Master Naturalist Chapter Meeting – February 11, 2010 – American Legion Hut, Cameron

Call to order – 6:40 pmGuests Donna Lewis<br/>Tim Siegmund (Regulatory Biologist)Attendance: Cindy Bolch, Don Travis, Lucy Coward, Cindy Travis,<br/>Katherine Bedrich, Phyllis Shuffield, Lolly Lewis, Janice Johnson, Cindy<br/>McDaniels, Gary McDaniels, Dorothy Mayer, Lisa Davenport, Kim<br/>Summers, Janice Pelzel, Paul Unger, Derrellene Zbikowski, Pat Holley

Approval of minutes - Janice Pelzel Motion made by Phyllis Shuffield Seconded by Dorothy Mayer Treasurer report – Dorothy Mayer – Dues \$20.00 \$4644.30 in checking account. Nature experiences to share

### **COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2010-2011**

Membership Cindy Bolch For 2010 Re-Certification -Katherine Bedrich, Cindy Bolch and Don Travis were awarded .and received the Wood Duck pin.

Program – V.P. – Phyllis Shuffield Hummingbird Round-up Chapter meeting dates – March 11, April 1, and May 13 March 11 is to be announced. April 1 will be at Wayne Fischer's Alligator Ranch. Volunteer – Connie Roddy – Adopt-A-Highway / Plant I.D. – February 13, 2010 Texas Trash Off – April 10, 2010

**Historian** – Lucy Coward – Scrapbook material Please take any materials to the Extension Office in Cameron.

Host – Cindy McDaniel's – signup sheet Thank you to Janice Johnson, Lisa Davenport and Pat Holley for the delicious refreshments

Advanced Training – Lisa Davenport – Invasive Species, March 27, 2010 - Cameron An interested sign up sheet was passed around. The meeting will be from 9 to 4pm.
Communication – Don Travis – newsletter articles
The deadline to submit articles for the newsletter is March 1.
Training – Lisa Davenport – 2010 Class – beginning April 1, 2010
The class will meet from 6 pm to 10 pm once a month from April to November.
Nature Festival – Ann Collins

Slogan – **NATURE AT ITS BEST** – Janice Pelzel & Paul Unger - winners Pamela Neeley; Don Travis; Rusty Thomas; Lisa Davenport Committee– Janice Johnson; Lynda Lewis; Toni Lafferty

**The Nature of Milam Co. project** –Katherine Bedrich; continue working on Nature pages; involvement of community - photography

#### Activities:

 Chapter Operating Handbook review – Ed Burleson, Cindy Travis, Sandra Dworaczyk, No action was taken . We will discuss this next meeting.
 TMN Annual Meeting – October 22-24, 2010 –

Millennium Seed Bank Presentation by MN & MG – Ed Burleson , Flo Oxley

3. Lion's Club auction – items for auction (Janice Johnson)
This is the first week in May. Some of the money from the proceeds will go the our Nature Festival.
4. Dolphin Challenge –College Station - March 6, 2010 –

 Tejas Festival – Rockdale – March 6, 2010 - Booth Janice Pelzel, Phyllis Shuffield, Lisa Davenport and Janice Johnson expressed interest in helping.
 Dewberry Festival –Cameron – April 24<sup>th</sup> –Youth Fishing

7. Boy Scout Hut – Cameron - Wilson-Ledbetter Park This hut needs much work. This will be discussed later.

# **INTEREST GROUPS** – Anything to share

Rockdale Forum / Rockdale Schools – Paul Unger

The bat group will be meeting soon. Photography will meet February 15, 2010 at Don Travis's home.

## Announcements

Cindy Travis will make holders for name badges and pins if interested. She showed two samples and will take orders.

Thank you to Pat Holley for donating bookends to the Extension Center Library. Rockdale Forum will be at the high school on March 25, 2010. The title is Mosquitoes and it will be from 7 to 8pm.

## **Next meeting – Date/Place/Time**

March 11, 2010 -

**Motion to adjourn** Cindy Bolch made the motion to adjourn.