Texas Master Naturalist
El Camino Real Chapter
General Meeting January 16, 2014

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Barb Cromwell 6:35pm

Attendance: The meeting was held at the United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Milano, Texas. Those in attendance were: Kathy Lester, Don Travis, Cindy Travis, Dorothy Mayer, Sandra Dworaczyk, Rich Cromwell, Barb Cromwell, Donna Lewis, John Pruett, Linda Jo Conn, Cindy Bolch, Debbi Harris, Kim Summers, Ann Collins, Sherry Colley, Janice Johnson, Sherri Sweet, Wesley Sweet, Pat Holley, Darlene Anglen, Nancy Adcock, Lucy Coward, Katherine Bedrich, Charley Bedrich-guest.

Old Business: Dues may be paid to Cindy Bolch. She reported that 18 of 46 members have paid dues.

Hours: Once filed hours cannot be transferred from Master Naturalists to Master Gardeners and vice versa. After a lengthy discussion the choice of VE or AT can be made for attending classes.

Activities:

Several members attended the National Weather Service Storm Spotter Training and reported it was very interesting and informative. The class may be taken online or attend in another location. An advanced class will be held in Belton on Feb 8.

Floridus Milamexa Project: A core meeting will be held on February 18 at 2:00PM at the Milano Community Center. Bring plant presses. All members are invited.

Chair Reports:

Membership: Dorothy See attachment

Recertification for:

 Janice Johnson
 Pat Holley
 Rich Cromwell

4000 Hour Pin:

 Katherine Bedrich

AT and VE: Kathy Lester

 Future events include a viewing of the movie "Green Fire: Aldo Leopold and a Land Ethic for Our Time." TBA, possibly late April.

 John Pruett is scheduled to present an AT event on January 25 at the UMCFH in Milano at 9:00 - 12:00. The title is Fantastic Voyage Revisited.

Doug Phillips is scheduled to present an AT event on February 11 at the Rockdale General Store from 10:00 - 12:00. The subject is Mammals.

Greg Lasley is scheduled to present an AT program on photography at the Rockdale General Store from 10:00 - 12:00 on February 15.

Mike Mitchell is scheduled to present an AT event on March 28 from 10:00 to 12:00. The title is "What Can TPWD Do for You and Whooping Cranes on the Coast."

 Historian: Debbi Harris

 Send pictures and memorabilia to Debbi.

 Host: Sherry Colley and Jeanette Patschke

 Sherry asked that you tell her what you plan to bring.
 Barb will send out guidelines

Communications: Don Travis

 Winter newsletter has been sent out. Check spam folder if you did not receive it. Copies have been sent to numerous organizations, schools, and individuals.

Training Class: Dorothy Mayer

 Future classes include:
 Mark Klym - Hummers and Habitats
 Tim Seigman – Ornithology
 Rich Cromwell - Man and Nature

Projects and Announcements:

Nature Festival: Barb Cromwell

 A number of meetings have been scheduled. Please consult the weekly reminder from Katherine.

Nature of Milam County: Katherine Bedrich

 Cindy Bolch reported the Bat Conservation International is happy to partner with ECRMN. There will be a docent training in Austin to educate the public. Email Cindy is you are interested.

 The DVDs about the Horned Lizard are available for purchase.

Motion to Adjourn: Kim Summers made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Katherine Bedrich and the meeting was concluded at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Secretary, Ann Collins