

**Texas Master Naturalist
El Camino Real Chapter
Chapter Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2015**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Barb Cromwell at 10:15 am at the home of Phylliss Shuffield. Members present included: Clyde Adcock, Nancy Adcock, Katherine Bedrich, Cindy Bolch, Sherry Colley, Ann Collins, Linda Jo Conn, Lucy Coward, Barbara Cromwell, Rich Cromwell, Sandra Dworaczyk, Debbi Harris, Pat Holly, Dorothy Mayer, Phyllis Shuffield, Sheri Sweet, Wes Sweet, Cindy Travis, and Don Travis.

Order of the Meeting

1. Debbi Harris—A survey will be distributed via email to determine the interests of the chapter
2. Cindy Bolch--Treasurer's Report
 - Beginning balance: 5027.71
 - Ending balance: 4352.35
 - The report will be filed for audit.
 - \$20 dues due
 - Background checks-- Members are to use 4-H Connect to complete their background checks and are responsible for completing their own information online.
3. Gift for Micah's babies. A motion was made by Clyde Adcock and seconded by Sandra Dworaczyk to purchase \$100 Visa gift card to be given to Micah as a baby gift for the twins. Motion passed.
4. Minutes were approved.
5. Dorothy Mayer—Awards
 - Recertification—Edward Dworaczyk, Genie Lindberg, Janice Johnson
 - Milestone Award—Katherine Bedrich, 5,000 hours
 - Initial certification—Minnie Pesl
 - Linda Jo Conn 500 hours pin
 - Barb Cromwell 500 hours pin
 - Members completed 674 hours of advanced training in 2014 and 5,699.60 hours of advanced training since the Chapter's beginning. They also completed 8,126 hours of volunteer hours in 2014 and 46,200.7 hours of volunteer work since the beginning of the Chapter.
6. Debbi Harris requested anything pertinent to the scrapbook be submitted to her.
7. Don Travis needs articles for the newsletter by January 15.
8. Milano Junction Memorial Demonstration Garden spring clean-up TBA
9. Nature of Milam County
 - Met last Tuesday
 - Sand Creek Almanac**—For those interested in reading the book, journaling, and meeting to discuss information—Meeting at John Pruet's on January 27 at 9am. All welcome
10. *Floridus Milamexa*
 - Don reported flora of Milam County is on chapter website and the Nature of Milam County will soon be linked.
11. Cindy Bolch—Bird Tales
 - Meeting January 8: Katherine will be teaching how to fold the passenger pigeons and Cindy will be introducing journaling. Residents are making lap blankets in the future.
12. Barb Cromwell--Wildlife Management Seminar
 - February 27 with registration at 8:30; seven areas of management to be discussed; held at the Milano Civic Center; our chapter is providing lunch.
13. Debbi Harris—Monarch Petition
 - Debbi encouraged members to be informed about the Monarch Petition. Go online, read about the petition, and offer your opinions. Deadline to participate is March 2.

The motion to adjourn was made by Debbi Harris and was seconded by Pat Holley. Meeting adjourned at 11:15.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Adcock