

**Texas Master Naturalist
El Camino Real Chapter
Chapter Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2017**

Prior to the meeting Floyd Ingram, Milam County Extension Agent, presented a program on the Zika virus. President Phyllis Shuffield called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm. Those in attendance included Nancy Adcock, Clyde Adcock, Darlene Anglen, Sherry Colley, Ann Collins, Sandra Dworaczyk, Floyd Ingram, Pat Holley, Kathy Lester, Donna Lewis, Dorothy Mayer, Billy Moore, Barbara Paschall, John Pruettt, Phyllis Shuffield, Don Travis, Nancy Webber, and guest Sam Jolly..

Secretary: Nancy Adcock

The minutes were posted online and Pat Holley made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Dorothy Mayer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Vice President: Sandra Dworaczyk

Upcoming programs:

February—Bee Keeping

March—Topic TBD Texas Parks and Wildlife

April—Archaeology Lynn Hagan

Treasurer: Barbara Cromwell

The treasurer's report is online and has been filed for audit. Due are now due. Please pay Barb.

Nature stories:

Donna saw a red-shouldered hawk and a heron fighting over a rat.

Sandra still has robins.

Ann estimated 5,000 robins overhead on January 11.

Pat saw two eagles overhead on Hwy. 77.

2018 Training Class: Dorothy Mayer

New training class is on schedule to begin January 2018.

She is encouraging new members (Class of 2016) to certify.

Communications: Don Travis

Don is requesting submissions for the newsletter to be published by the end of January. Past issues of newsletters are available for purchase.

Members may update their VMS profile, if needed, by seeing Don after the meeting.

Host: Sherry Colley

Everything is good for now.

Membership: Debbi Harris

Debbi is working to learn the VMS system and encourages all members to be timely in posting their hours.

Another training for VMS is coming soon. Watch your email!

Awards given:

Pat Holley 250 hour pin

John Pruettt recertification

Billy Moore certification

Advanced Training and Volunteer Opportunities: Kathy Lester

Tuesday, January 31, Donna Lewis will present a training on Purple Martins.

Milam County Historical Museum, 201 East Main Street Cameron 1-3 pm

Activities/Announcements

Saturday, January 28 Field trip to Houston Museum of Natural Science has been cancelled.

Dorothy—Linda Jo's husband is ill. She had also spoken to Lisa Mileski who said Carol's husband is back in the hospital.

Great Backyard Bird count—at your home or with Ann. February 17 - 19. See Ann and sign up if you want to go with her.

Sam Jolly—Sam has arranged for a free tour of Inner Space Caverns in Georgetown on Friday, February 3, at 1:30. If interested in attending, meet at Rockdale WalMart at noon on February 3. The group should arrive at about 1:00 for the tour.

Lucy Coward sent milkweed seeds if any member would like some.

A motion to adjourn was made by Pat Holley and seconded by Janice Johnson. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Adcock