

**Texas Master Naturalist
El Camino Real Chapter
Chapter Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2016**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Lucy Coward at 6:30pm. It was held at the Milano Methodist Church. Those in attendance included: Clyde Adcock, Nancy Adcock, Darlene Anglen, Katherine Bedrich, Cindy Bolch, Sherry Colley, Ann Collins, Linda Jo Conn, Joyce Conner, Lucy Coward, Barbara Cromwell, Pat Holley, Janice Johnson, Donna Lewis, Barbara Paschall, Phyllis Shuffield, Sheri Sweet, Wes Sweet, Cindy Travis, Don Travis, and guest, Karin Patzke.

Order of the Meeting

The next meeting will be March 10, 2016, at the Milano Methodist Church.

Chapter Operating Handbook—Pat Holley made a motion to approve the new version of the COH. This motion was seconded by Donna Lewis. Motion passed.

New order of monthly meetings—eat, business meeting, speaker

Membership—Cindy Bolch

Awards—

Recertification from 2015: Janice Johnson, Pamela Neeley, and Phyllis Shuffield

Recertification for 2016: Lucy Coward, Don Travis

500 hour milestone: Wes Sweet

Communication: Don Travis

Don requests that members check to make sure they are receiving emails.

New Class—Next class is next Tuesday, February 18, at Cameron Public Library. Cindy Bolch and Don Travis will help new members with the VMS system. Afterwards, the program will be presented by Karin Patzke on Water Stewardship. (Water Conservation Plan for Texas)

Treasurer's Report—Cindy Bolch

The Treasurer's Report is online and will be filed for audit.

Cindy reported our chapter has earned 6,284 total advanced training hours and has given 51,198 volunteer hours since the inception of the Chapter.

Awards: Joyce Conner received her 2015 recertification.

Joyce Conner spoke about a possible AT/VT opportunity at her place. Date TBD Plant ID with Monique Reed

Sherry Colley would like an apron for hospitality. Sheri Sweet will donate one.

Katherine Bedrich reports the mammal group is working on the tracking cards. March 7, 2:00

Journaling—last Tuesday of the month. Next meeting on March 23 at John Pruitt's

Floridus Milamexa will soon be back on the trail.

Great Backyard Bird Count—Linda Jo Conn

February 12 - 15 birdcount.org

Mother Earth News Fair—February 20 - 23 See weekly

Nature Stories

Karin Patzke, Cindy, Ann, Phyllis, Sheri, Donna and Lucy

Motion to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Donna Lewis and seconded by Pat Holley. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Adcock

Following the meeting, Brian Robert from Texas Wildlife Association spoke about the purpose of the Texas Wildlife Association and the volunteer opportunities available with this organization,