

**Texas Master Naturalist
El Camino Real Chapter
Chapter Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2017**

Prior to the meeting Melanie Stellbaur presented an interesting program on Bee Keeping 101.

President Phyllis Shuffield called the meeting to order at 7:45pm. Those in attendance included Nancy Adcock, Clyde Adcock, Darlene Anglen, Scott Berger, Sherry Colley, Ann Collins, Joyce Conner, Mike Conner, Sandra Dworaczyk, Pat Holley, Kathy Lester, Donna Lewis, Dorothy Mayer, Billy Moore, Barbara Paschall, Phyllis Shuffield, Kim Summers, Sheri Sweet, Wes Sweet, Cindy Travis, Don Travis, Nancy Webber, and guests Kathy Bearden, Sam Jolly, Suzy Coose, Tom Coose, Clarn Posey, Shelley Posey, and Melanie Stellbaur.

Members were asked to introduce their guests. Welcome!

Secretary: Nancy Adcock

The minutes were posted online and a copy was on display at the meeting.

Vice President: Sandra Dworaczyk

Upcoming programs:

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. The 2016 books have been audited and posted on the website.

Nature stories:

Ann—Birding She drove for 69 miles in Milam county and saw a red-headed woodpecker. She also saw a fox sparrow at the Sugar Loaf Mountain Bridge.

Donna—Saw first scout (Purple Martin) in Central Texas

2018 Training Class: Dorothy Mayer

She is encouraging new members (Class of 2016) to certify. See Dorothy if you are a member of the 2016 Class and have not certified.

Communications: Don Travis

For new students, they have until the end of 2017 to certify. If they do not certify by the end of 2017, the member must take the class again and start over.

Annual booklets are for sale at the meeting.

CDs are available on Inner Space Caverns put together by Sam Jolly. Free to members. See Don if interested in one.

Membership: Debbi Harris

In Debbi's absence, Donna Lewis gave her report. Donna is available for help on VMS system. Update your profile, if necessary. Remember there is a 45-day cut-off for entering volunteer and advanced training hours.

Advanced Training and Volunteer Opportunities: Kathy Lester [See weekly for details](#)

I-35 Rest Area Monarch Waystation upcoming workdays

Great Backyard Bird Count (Ann Collins) Meet at 8:00am February 17 - 20 at 8am at Ledbetter Park.

Intro to Plant ID

Water conversation for Landscapes and Homes

Second Annual Texas Night Sky Festival

Activities/Announcements

March 25—Annual Bluebird Kickoff \$20 Waco See Sandra for details

March TBD for those interested in gardening with earthworms Talk to Debbi

Members are asked to save Master Naturalist articles from the Rockdale Reporter and give to Donna

Old business

Thoughts on memorial for Katherine Bedrich

Native grasses

Highway project

Tree

New business

Amazon Smile—Members should have received an email on Amazon Smile from Don. Questions? Refer to email or speak to Don.

Question has been raised as to whether Master Naturalist dues are tax deductible. Members should check with their personal tax consultant.

Texas Dragonfly Plate—The state Master Naturalist office is looking to get a Texas Master Naturalist license plate. The state is asking each chapter to donate funds to support this idea. This will be voted on next month.

A motion to adjourn was made by Donna Lewis and seconded by Sheri Sweet. The meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Adcock