

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

Prior to the meeting Kelly Bender Simon presented a program on Urban Wildlife and the Future of Wildlife Management. Kelly is an urban wildlife biologist with Texas Parks and Wildlife.

President Phyllis Shuffield called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Those in attendance included Nancy Adcock, Darlene Anglen, Scott Berger, Sherry Colley, Edward Dworaczyk, Sandra Dworaczyk, Kathy Lester, Donna Lewis, Dorothy Mayer, Billy Moore, Barbara Paschall, Phyllis Shuffield, Sheri Sweet, Wes Sweet, Cindy Travis, Don Travis, and guest Kelly Bender Simon.

There were no guests other than the presenter.

Secretary: Nancy Adcock

The minutes were posted online. Donna Lewis made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Sheri Sweet. Motion passed. Members were asked to sign the card being passed around for Carol Harris. An additional card from the chapter has already been sent.

Vice President: Sandra Dworaczyk

Upcoming programs:

April—Archaeology Lynn Hagan The meeting will be held at her home on 22 Hills.

Treasurer: Barbara Cromwell

The treasurer's report is online and has been filed for audit.

Nature stories:

Dorothy Mayer—Horned Lizard Committee If you are interested in becoming a member of that committee, sign up on the provided sheet and talk to Dorothy.

2018 Training Class: Dorothy Mayer

No update

Communications: Don Travis

Annual booklets are for sale at the meeting.

Membership: Debbi Harris

In Debbi's absence, Donna Lewis gave her report. 2016 totals for the chapter: Volunteer hours—3,866; Advanced training hours—1,058 Twenty-one members recertified in 2016. Please notify Debbi of any changes to the roster.

Advanced Training and Volunteer Opportunities: Kathy Lester Emails have been sent out via Don with information on these opportunities.

Spotted skinks—handout at meeting. Report through iNaturalist.

Hunting for Conversation in Texas

Milkweed

Lake Lewisville—Lake Environmental Learning (April 1)

Old business

Thoughts on memorial for Katherine Bedrich No action at this time.

Native grasses

Highway project

Tree

Don suggested a video of memories of Katherine to be presented at this year's state conference. Email to follow from Don.

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

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. The Board has approved \$200 donation. A motion was made by Dorothy Mayer and seconded by Billy Harris to contribute \$200 to this fund. Motion passed.

New Business

Weekly Digest is now being published by Janice Johnson.

The Rockdale Chamber of Commerce has requested our chapter's participation in their upcoming Earth Day activities. Dorothy is trying to schedule a speaker and organize activities.

Donna Lewis—Donna volunteered to head a committee for 2018 Earth Day activities if enough members want to participate.

March 3rd—Phyllis and Don had a web meeting with State leaders. State conference will be in Corpus Christi at the Omni in October. A special package at the hotel will be available for three days prior to or after the conference. Volunteers are needed for the registration desk. List Serve—Members are encouraged to use List Serve. Don will send out an email about this..

A motion to adjourn was made by Donna Lewis and seconded by Sandra Dworaczyk. The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Adcock