

**Texas Master Naturalist
El Camino Real Chapter
Chapter Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2016**

Prior to the meeting, a presentation on recycling was presented by Dawn Orange from the City of Temple.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Lucy Coward at 12:35pm. It was held at the Milano Methodist Church. Those in attendance included: Clyde Adcock, Nancy Adcock, Darlene Anglen, Katherine Bedrich, Scott Berger, Cindy Bolch, Sherry Colley, Ann Collins, Linda Jo Conn, Joyce Conner, Lucy Coward, Sandra Dworaczyk, Donna Lewis, Barbara Paschall, Brenda Pruett, John Pruett, Kim Summers, Sheri Sweet, Wes Sweet, Cindy Travis, Don Travis, Carol Williams, and guests, Molly Berger, Victoria, Jasmine, Callen, and Harrison Ott and Karin Patzke.

Order of the Meeting

Nancy Adcock read the minutes from last month's meeting. Kim Summers made a motion to approve the minutes as read. This motion was seconded by Sheri Sweet. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Cindy Bolch

As of the end of May:

Balance: \$4476.95 This includes:

Bird Sanctuary fund \$150.

Education fund \$106.29

Cindy moved money from the Bird Tales fund, per Board approval, to the general fund. The financial reports are online.

Awards: Cindy Bolch

Recertifications:

Sheri Sweet

Wesley Sweet

4,000 hours Volunteer Service Award:

Donna Lewis

Old Business:

Katherine Bedrich—wanted to know if a historian was ever chosen. There are no volunteers to fill the vacancy at this time. If any member would like to become the historian, please contact Lucy.

Katherine also wanted to know what happened to the handbook. Lucy said it was online, and Katherine said she did not see it in the minutes. Katherine also wanted to know what the Board was doing to help membership/trainees receive volunteer hours. What are we doing as a group? Lucy said this will be addressed.

Cindy, Lucy, and Katherine attended a meeting hosted by the Goodwater Chapter and attended by Central Texas Chapters. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the possibility of starting a rotating Nature Festival among the chapters. From this meeting spun the idea that Regional Conferences would be helpful. Each chapter has something to share, and these meetings would provide a venue to present information and presentations on each chapter's expertise. After a vote, our chapter prefers the Regional Conference over the concept of a rotating Nature Festival. It appears that the Goodwater Chapter will proceed with the Nature Festival.

New Business

Sandra Dworaczyk—She was contacted by a man who has milkweed growing on his 6,000 acres. She wanted to know if anyone was interested in going out to his place for a walkabout. There was a general consensus that this is something the group is interested in doing. Sandra will follow-up with him.

Communication: Don Travis

Don wanted to know if any member is NOT getting the weekly newsletter.

Karin is working with Dale Kruse categorizing Texas lichens. She will be at the herbarium during the week of July 20. Contact her if you would like to visit the herbarium during that time.

Motion to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Cindy Bolch and seconded by Ann Collins. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Adcock

Calendar of Events:

July 14, 2016: 6pm, Program on Poison Ivy presented by Yvonne Eele, Milano Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall
Bring appetizer, salad, or dessert.

August 11, 2016: 6pm, Program on raptors presented by Curt Reineck, Milano Methodist Church. Covered dish—
bring appetizer, salad, main dish, or dessert.

September 8, 2016: 6pm, Program on Lichens presented by Dale Kruse, Joyce and Mike Conners', directions to
their property is on the website. Covered dish—bring appetizer, salad, main dish, or dessert.