

**Texas Master Naturalist
El Camino Real Chapter
Chapter Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2015**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Barbara Cromwell at 7:05pm. It was held in Gause at the home of Joyce and Mike Conner. 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, Rich Cromwell, Sandra Dworaczyk, Janice Johnson, Kathy Lester, Donna Lewis, Kim Summers and guests, Mike Conner and Cheryl Sager.

Order of the Meeting

The next meeting will be October 8 at Barb Cromwell's. Barb said the meeting would begin at 5pm with Tim Sigmund presenting the program, Identifying Trees. This will be followed by a walk-about and then burgers and brats. After dinner, Barb will conduct the meeting.

A motion was made by Cindy Bolch to approve the minutes. This was seconded by Kim Summers. Motion carried.

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.

Chair Reports

Floridus Milamexa—Linda Jo Conn reported group welcomes all interested to join them. They will be working with Dale Kruse at the Herbarium in college Station.

Nature of Milam County—Katherine Bedrich is working on a soil tunnel to be used at nature festivals. She reported that the mammal group is on "hold" for the present time.

Work is being done to update and complete the Chapter Operating Handbook. Hopefully it will be completed and emailed or posted on the Chapter website soon so that members may vote on it at the next meeting.

Katherine Bedrich is chairing the committee for nominating the new slate of officers. The committee consists of Katherine, Don Travis, and Dorothy Mayer. The proposed slate is as follows:

President: Lucy Coward

Vice President: Sandra Dworaczyk

Secretary: Nancy Adcock

Treasurer: Cindy Bolch

Dorothy Mayer will be the chairperson for the new class. Barbara Cromwell will be her helper. Classes will begin in January and be held on Fridays from 10 - 2 in Cameron at the Housing Authority.

Members are encouraged to go online to 4-H online and register for another year. Cost is \$5.

Announcements/Activities/Upcoming Events

Ann Collins is back birding, and her goal is to drive every road in Milam County!

Sherry Colley wanted to know if anyone received a phone call about the water issue meeting.

Joyce Conner distributed handouts from the League of Independent Voters of Texas about the proposed Gause reservoir project and Mike Conner spoke about the same.

Motion to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Sandra Dworaczyk and seconded by Lucy Coward. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Adcock

Following the meeting, Baron Rector presented a program on native grasses.