

**Texas Master Naturalist
El Camino Real Chapter
Board Meeting
May 16, 2016**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Lucy Coward at 9:35am. It was held at the Extension Office in Cameron, Texas. Those in attendance were Nancy Adcock, Cindy Bolch (in attendance via conference call), Sherry Colley, Lucy Coward, Barbara Cromwell, Floyd Ingram, Dorothy Mayer, and Don Travis.

Agenda

1. Closing out Bird Tales account—Cindy Bolch via phone

A motion to close account and move money to the general fund was made by Nancy Adcock and seconded by Barbara Cromwell. Motion passed.

Cindy would like everybody to think about closing the education fund and moving it to the general fund. Tabled until later

2. Discussion about how to get members more involved

Perhaps recognize members for activities (Floyd)

Increase special programs (Contact Jim Cathy and Tim Siegmund for a list of presentation topics)

Develop interest group in recycling (Barbara)

Proceed with field trip to planetarium (Nancy)

Blue bird boxes for Ledbetter Park to become group project

3. Need list of members who can do special programs for meetings

4. Interest in making bird feeders for a fund raiser—not at this time

5. Inventory—Cindy will send out an email to the membership to list chapter supplies they may have at their home. Once she has that, Cindy will get in touch with Perry Storage and get volunteers to help with the inventory there. Don said inventory is online.

6. Meeting with Goodwater Chapter on Tuesday, May 10, attended by Cindy, Lucy, and Katherine Bedrich regarding a 5-chapter Nature Festival. Festival would rotate among these five counties/chapters. Suggestion by Don to bring concept to the chapter for decision. The general consensus of the Board was that we need more commitment from the chapter. Cindy, Lucy, and Katherine will report there was positive response from the board, but more membership input is needed for a decision.

7. Donation to the Milano Methodist Church for use of the church

Cindy Bolch made a motion to give Milano Methodist Church \$300 for use of the building. This amount is based on the use of the building for training classes. This was seconded by Dorothy Mayer. Motion carried.

8. Barbara suggested evening meetings could be held at the Work Force Center in Rockdale.

9. Donations for the state meeting

Silent auction items are needed for the state conference in October. Don will poll membership for donations for the silent auction.

10. Invitation to be on conference call Wednesday, May 18, at 3pm. Barbara is the state representative for the chapter (since she is past president). To be discussed during the call: State wants ideas for speakers and topics for the conference.

11. Does the chapter want to sponsor someone for the state conference?

After discussion, the Board decided to table the idea at this time.

12. Next Board meeting—September 19, Extension Office, at 9:30am

13. Floyd Ingram—Program: "Lone Star Healthy Streams"—a program to educate livestock producers and landowners on how to best protect Texas waterways from bacterial contributions associated with livestock production and feral hogs.

May 24, 9:30 - 3pm. Cameron Youth Expo Center, free event 3 general CEU credits
Call the extension office to register. Lunch provided

Dorothy Mayer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Don Travis seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:08.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Adcock