

**Texas Master Naturalist
El Camino Real Chapter
Chapter Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2015**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Barb Cromwell at 1:14pm and was held at the Milano Community Center. Members present included: Clyde Adcock, Nancy Adcock, Darlene Anglen, Cindy Bolch, Ann Collins, Linda Jo Conn, Barb Cromwell, Sandra Dworaczyk, Donna Lewis, Dorothy Mayer, Sheri Sweet, Wesley Sweet and guests Joyce Conners, Mike Conners, and Karin Patkze

Order of the Meeting

Sandra—correction for next meeting. Byron Rector will present a program on native grasses. September 10, place TBD

Minutes—Sheri Sweet made a motion to approve the minutes. This motion was seconded by Cindy Bolch. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report—Beginning balance—4,245.39, ending balance—4,237.79. A complete statement is online. Cindy Bolch will file the report for audit.

Cindy Bolch and Katherine Bedrich are qualified to input back hours into VMS. Please contact either of these ladies for help.

Membership information—Cindy reported at the end of July membership had recorded 41,033 volunteer hours since the chapter began. In 2015 the chapter has 4,756 volunteer hours on record. 2015 recertification pin was presented to Linda Jo Conn. Darlene Anglen received a 250 hour milestone pin, and Sheri Sweet received a 500 hour milestone pin.

Barb reminded members they must register with 4-H after September 1. It will show as inactive, then re-register.

Projects/Announcements

Floridus Milamexa—plans have been made on how this group will proceed

Nature of Milam County—

Mammal group—discussing and working on tracking cards. Cindy reminded members that the mammal group is planning a field trip to see the bats at the McNeil Bridge in Round Rock on August 21. Bring an outdoor chair, water, sunscreen, and a hat. Meet at 6:45pm at WalMart in Rockdale to carpool/caravan.

Soil group—building a soil tunnel. It will be displayed at the Bell County Nature Festival October 10.

Upcoming dates:

- September 19-20—Pollinator Powpow, Kerrville
- October 10—Bell county Nature Festival
- October 17—Training Day TBD (Sugarloaf Mountain, etc.)
- October 23 - 25—State Convention
- November 7—Mother Neff State Park Fall Festival

Donna Lewis had observed the recent meteor shower.

A graduation was held at the Winnie L. Nursing Home for the residents involved in Bird Tales.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sandra Dworaczyk and seconded by Donna Lewis. The meeting adjourned at 2:45.

Respectively submitted,
Nancy Adcock
Secretary