

**Texas Master Naturalist
El Camino Real Chapter
Chapter Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2015**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Katherine Bedrich at 6:20pm. It was held in Thorndale at the pavilion. Those in attendance included: Nancy Adcock, Katherine Bedrich, Cindy Bolch, Sherry Colley, Ann Collins, Linda Jo Conn, Janice Johnson, Cindy McDaniels, Gary McDaniels, Kim Summers, and guest, Charlie Bedrich.

Katherine asked members to sign cards in circulation—a get well card for Kathy Lester and a thank you card for Sandy Braswell for his donation of a bat house to the organization.

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

Treasurer—Cindy Bolch

Beginning balance: 4,482.11

No transactions

Ending balance: 4,482.11

The treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

VMS--Approximately half the members have gone through training for the new Volunteer Management System. More training sessions are forthcoming, and all members are encouraged to attend a training session.

Chair reports: none

Projects/Announcements

Floridus milamexa—Linda Jo Conn reported on the last outing new and unusual species were found and have been identified. The group has experienced a rain delay and are anxious to hit the trail again soon, weather permitting.

Bird Tales—Cindy Bolch shared that they are trying to keep a photo document of the activities. The lap blanket project is nearing completion.

Nature of Milam County—The next meeting of this group is May 26, 9am, at the Triangle Garden in Cameron. Read the May Chapter and New Mexico/ Arizona Chapter of *Sand County Almanac*. Bring a pen or pencil. There will be a simple writing exercise. Also, have a personal journal entry to be shared with the group. Contact Linda Jo Conn.

Mammal group to meet in June. Details TBA

Soil group is sponsoring an advanced training on Healthy Soil, June 13, Apache Pass.

Apple Tree—will meet Wednesdays June through July or August. Contact Katherine Bedrich if interested in helping.

Activities/Upcoming Events

June:

Tuesday, June 2: Migratory Shorebirds: 6:00pm at SPJST Hall, Buckholts, Texas. Presented by Nicole Norelli. Nicole has worked with the National Audubon Society, The American Bird Conservancy and is currently employed with Texas A&M AgriLife Research at Blackland in Temple. She is in the process of certifying to become a Master Naturalist with the Central Texas Chapter. The presentation focuses on shorebirds and related species with an emphasis on those we may see migrating through the Central Texas area. Contact: Katherine Bedrich, kamber1951@gmail.com. A.T. - 2 hrs.

Friday, June 5: Bee Ready for Bugs: 10:00am - 2:00pm at The Cameron Housing Authority. Presented by Prof. Bob Baldrige, Baylor University. Learn about biting bugs. Contact: Dorothy Mayer, [254-482-3235](tel:254-482-3235) or notnormaldot@yahoo.com A.T. - 3 hrs.

Tuesday, June 9: Floridus milamexa taxonomy class - Dale Kruse; 1:00pm at S. M. Tracy Herbarium. Contact: Linda Jo Conn

Thursday, June 11: Chapter Meeting: 6:00pm at The American Legion Hut; Wilson-Ledbetter Park, Cameron. Program: Flower pressing and vouchers, presented by Dale Kruse, Ann Collins and *Floridus milamexa* group. Contact: Sandra Dworaczyk

Saturday, June 13: Healthy Soil; 10:00am - noon at Apache Pass. Presented by Betsy Ross. Contact: Pamela Neeley. **A.T. - 2 hrs.**

Saturday, October 10: Central Texas Chapter Nature Fest at Bend of the River

October 23-25: Texas Master Naturalist Annual Meeting, Marble Falls

Saturday, November 7: Mother Neff State Park Harvest Hayride

Motion to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Kim Summers and seconded by Janice Johnson. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Adcock

Following the meeting, Cindy Bolch presented an informative programs on "Bats". This was followed by a field trip in search of local bats.