

El Camino Real Chapter
Texas Master Naturalist Program

Minutes for the meeting of April 8, 2008

Meeting called to order at 11:45am

Provisional officers present:

President – Paul Unger

Secretary – Katherine Bedrich

Treasurer – Nancy Soechting

Chapter Advisor present

Michael Mitchell – Texas Parks & Wildlife

Katherine Bedrich read the minutes of the March 25, 2008 meeting. Minutes were approved.

Nancy Soechting gave the Treasures report. Report approved

Paul Unger stated the purpose of this meeting is to meet the State requirements for the Phase II application for Full Chapter Status.

The Slate of Officers were presented:

President – Paul Unger

Vice-President – Jim O'Donnell

Secretary – Katherine Bedrich

Treasurer – Nancy Soechting

The floor was open for nominations.

Tense Tumlinson made a motion to close the nomination to the floor. Connie Roddy seconded. Motion carried.

Sandra Dworaczyk made a motion to accept the Slate of Officers as presented. Joy Graham seconded. Motion carried.

Adoption of Bylaws – Motion by Nancy Soechting to accept Bylaws. Seconded by Vivian Dixon. Motion carried.

Adoption of Chapter Operating Handbook. – Motion by Nancy Soechting to accept. Seconded by Don Travis. Motion carried.

At this time a short recess was called by President Paul Unger. The Board convened for a meeting. Board member present:

President – Paul Unger

Secretary – Katherine Bedrich

Treasurer – Nancy Soechting

Advisor – Michael Mitchell

President Paul Unger presented the Committee Chairs:

Training – Paula Engelhart

Advanced Training – Sandra O’Donnell

Membership – Kerri Cunningham

Communications – Don Travis

Host – Anne Barr

Projects – Connie Roddy

Historian – Tense Tumlinson

A motion was made by Nancy Soechting to accept the committee chairs. Seconded by Katherine Bedrich. Motion carried. Motion to adjourn meeting by Katherine Bedrich, seconded by Nancy Soechting. Motion carried.

At this time the Chapter meeting continued. Nancy Soechting passed out notebooks and folders to the Officers and Chairpersons. These notebooks/folders are to be used during the term of office and passed on to incoming officers and chairpersons.

Old Business

A Graduation schedule and list of speakers and guest was presented by Nancy Soechting. Joy Graham suggested the Chambers of Commerce for the City’s of Milam County by

invited. Volunteers were asked to help with the set up and clean up for the graduation. Members were reminded they can invite guests. And a reminder to bring lawn chairs.

Debbi Harris stated the bluebirds boxes and bird feeders were being made for the booth at the Dewberry Festival in Cameron on April 26th. More volunteers are welcomed.

New Business

A board meeting of Officers and Chairs will be held April 15th after the field trip to Sugar Loaf Mountain.

The next Chapter meeting will be May 6th after class.

Michael Mitchell will contact the State with information needed to complete Phase II Chapter status.

Motion by Nancy Soechting to adjourn. Seconded by Paula Engelhart.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15pm

Minutes submitted by:

Katherine Bedrich

Secretary