

Meeting of the Texas Master Naturalist (Proposed) El Camino Real Chapter

Local Coordinating Committee

Saturday September 8, 2007

at the Milano Senior Citizens Center, Volunteer Fire Department and Civic Center

Those present:

- Mike Mitchell, Milam County Game Warden
- Ann Collins, Brazos Valley Member
- Mary and Jim Waldson, Brazos Valley Members
- Lucile Estell, Milam County Historical Commission
- Paul Unger, Little River Basin Master Gardener
- Lynda Lewis, Little River Basin Master Gardener
- Katherine Bedrich, Little River Basin Master Gardener
- Nancy Soechting
- Ed Voss

The Phase I petition was submitted on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

Thank you to Mary W. for her help in getting this petition together.

Discussion of Training Agenda

A motion was made to credit travel time for training by Mike Mitchell and seconded by Mary Waldson. Motion passed.

Volunteer Opportunities were approved.

Application discussion:

- Criminal background check will be added
- Limit of 25 members to class
- First 25 with payment sent to P.O. Box will be accepted / with criminal background approved
- Waiting list made for next program
- Cost of program - \$150.00

Nomination of provisional leadership:

Motion made by Katherine Bedrich to nominate Paul Unger as Provisional President, seconded by Jim Waldson; motion carried.

Motion by Jim Waldson to nominate Katherine Bedrich as Provisional Secretary, seconded by Mary Waldson; motion carried.

Motion by Ann Collins to nominate Nancy Soechting as Provisional Treasurer, seconded by Jim Waldson; motion carried.

- **Provisional President - Paul Unger**
- **Provisional Secretary - Katherine Bedrich**
- **Provisional Treasurer - Nancy Soechting**

Mike will get with Paul and Nancy to open a bank account. Katherine was given a key to the P.O. Box.

Mike Mitchell will be the Chapter Advisor.

A color photo was taken for the State Web site.

The Phase II petition was finalized.

We will become a chapter when a minimum of 10 members have completed the course and we have local bylaws and a slate of officers.

The media release will go out as soon as the Phase I petition is approved by the state.

Two show cases will be presented by Mike Mitchell and Jon Gersbach - Milam County Extension Agent, Texas Cooperative Extension. These will be held in Cameron and Rockdale to distribute the application forms.

The next meeting will be held before the beginning of the El Camino Real Master Naturalist 2008 program.

Minutes submitted by:

Katherine Bedrich