Texas Master Naturalist

El Camino Real Chapter

Chapter meeting – October 10, 2013

The meeting was called to order by the Chapter President Katherine Bedrich.

Attendence: Michele Fletcher, Jackie Thornton, Pat Holley, Debbi Harris, Lucy Coward, Cindy Bolch, Kathy lester, Sherry Colley, Jeanette Patschke, Chip Colley, John Pruett, Phyllis Shuffield, Dorothy Mayer, Janice Johnson, Kim summers, Barb and Rich Cromwell, Pamela Neeley, Linda Jo Conn, Sandra Dworaczyk, Joy Graham, Lucile Estell, Nancy and Clyde Adcock, Sheri and Wesley Sweet, Minnie Pesl, Darlene Anglen., Katherine Bedich. Guest: Charlie Bedrich

The President thanked Michele Fletcher for hosting the meeting in her home.

The minutes were approved as printed with a motion from Lucy Coward, second by Kim Summers.

The treasurer’s report was given by Cindy Bolch and will be filed for audit.

The Chapter will be a Silver sponsor at the Texas Master Naturalist State coenference to be held in New Brunfels, October 25, through October 27, 2013.

The Chapter gave $125.00 and Dale Kruse matched the contribution with a $125.00 contribution.

A DVD about Horned Lizards will be purchased by the chapter and may be purchased by member at cost of $22.00.

Nature Stories shared by:

Pamela Neeley – rattle snake under a dumpster about 5:30pm in the evening.

Michele Fletcher shared with her six grandchildren about milkweed; they drew a map of the farm, and prepared a booklet on wildflowers. She observed a coral snake at the Monarch Garden.

Linda Conn – was in touch with Mark Klym about the size of a hummingbird nest and he replies, the size of a quarter. She also went to the native plant festival in Burnet.

Sherry Colley – saw four doe in her yard.

Wesley Sweet – saw a jack rabbit and skunk on their fence line today.

Everyone gave Debbi Harris applause for the completion of the Monarch Garden.

Lucy Coward spoke with a lady in Rockdale (or Cameron?) who found a horned lizard in her garage.

Sandra Dworaczyk – saw red dragon flies at the Saturday outing on Sugar Loaf Mountain.

The members of the new class were recognized and all were at the meeting.

Debbi Harris reported in September, the chapter had:

 27 hours of advanced training

 577 volunteer hours

To date: 4785 advanced training

 35,528 volunteer hours

Recertification pins were given to Pamela Neeley and Phyllis Shuffield

John Pruett received a 250 hour pin.

The following people’s names have been place before the chapter for consideration as honorary members of the chapter: Flo Oxley and Dale Kruse. They will be voted on at the November meeting.

Committee reports:

Historian – Barbara Cromwell requested members send her any pictures they have from chapter activities to be included in the chapter book to be entered in the state competition at the conference.

Hospitality – Sherry Colley – will appreciate any help she can get for hospitality, please contact her.

New Class – Dorothy Mayer reported the class will go to Lake Somerville on October 11, 2013.

Monarch garden – Debbi Harris – We have exceeded the scope required for the Bring Back the monarch Project. A marker will be placed at the garden on October 23, 2013 at 10:00am along with recognition of Native Plant Week. The community is invited.

Nature Fest – Barbara Cromwell – Date is April 11,12, 2014

 John Pruett – Speakers

 Kathleen Lester – Booths

 Jan Wise – Donations

 Phyllis Shuffield - Entertainment Bill Oliver

Nominating – Cindy Bolch presented the slate of officers for 2014

 President – Barbara Cromwell

 Vice President – Sandra Dworaczyk

 Secretary – Ann Collins

 Treasurer – Cindy Bolch

The voting will take place November 14, 2013 at 6:00pm at Pat Holley’s residence.

Motion to adjourn made at 6:53pm by Kim Summers, second by Chip Colley.

Respectfully submitted by

Sandra Dworaczyk for Ann Collins

A program on El Camino Real de los Tejas National Historic Trail was presented by:

Lucile Estell and Joy Graham