**Texas Master Naturalist**

El Camino Real Chapter

Chapter meeting – October 8, 2012 – Gause Fire Dept.

**Call to Order: 6:05pm Attendance:** Debbi Harris, Sandy & Vickie Braswell, Ann Collins, Joyce Dalley, Donna Lewis, Barb & Rich Cromwell, Sherry & Chip Colley, Sandra Dworaczyk, Genie & Chuck Lindberg, Kim Summers, Jeanette Patschke, Phyllis Shuffield, Paul Unger, Jan Campbell, Jan Wise, John & Brenda Pruett, Katherine Bedrich, Linda Jo Conn, Cindy & Gary McDaniels

**Secretary:** *Lucy Coward* resigned; position open. Donna Lewis motion to accept September minutes, seconded by Kim Summers. Carried.

**Vice President:** *Donna Lewis* Next meeting will be a soup dinner. Bring you favorite concoction

**Treasurer**: *Cindy Bolch* (absent)

**Old News:**

 Chapter Operating Handbook revision: Approved at October Board meeting

State Meeting Silent Auction donations: Pam Neeley, Paul & Jan Unger, Phyllis Shuffield, Sandra Dworaczyk, Doanld Shuffield and Charles Bedrich, Linda Jo Conn

**Nature Stories:**

 Genie Lindberg – loves the camphor daisies…at least the color if not the smell ☺

 Ann Collins – Horizon Turf Farm – alive with birds saw several unique species favorite was a Bald Eagle!!

 Debbi Harris – Kangaroos at Apache Pass gave off pheromones that were actually a red kind of “sweat” when petted.

 Phyllis Shuffield – saw large number (50) of hawks migrating

**Recommended reading:**

 Linda Jo Conn recommended 1491 – a historical novel about Pre Columbian America.

**Advanced Training & Volunteer –** *Phyllis Shuffield* –Seed collecting with Tim S.; October 17th.

**Membership –** *Debbi Harris*

 Awards-Certification and Re-certification:

 Jan Campbell

 Jeanette Patschke

 John Pruett

 Richard Cromwell

 Paula Englehardt

 1000 hours-

 Sue Taylor

 Debbie Harris

**New Business-**

 Projects-

 1) Apple Tree – 4th Wed. of each month

 2) Thorndale Wilderness Club – field trip to Apache Pass Oct. 30

 3) Shirts – can get embroidered at All Sports Trophy on Ave M in Temple.

 4) Nature Fest 2013 –

 John Pruett – Speakers set, looking for more donors, will concentrate on logistics after first of year.

 Joyce Dally – passing out cards as advertisement every where she goes.

 Amber Rios has turned in her coloring book.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Sandra Dworaczyk, Seconded: Debbie Harris

**Minutes submitted by**: Barb Cromwell

**Program** – John Pruett - Insects