

**Texas Master Naturalist  
El Camino Real Chapter  
Chapter Meeting Minutes  
January 11, 2018**

**Call to Order**

Phyllis Shuffield called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm. The meeting was held at the Milano Methodist Church, Those in attendance included: Nancy Adcock, Scott Berger, Sherry Colley, Sandra Dworaczyk, Jackie Fields, Catherine Johnson, Janice Johnson, Sue Ann Kendall, Larry Kocian, Kathy Lester, Donna Lewis, Dorothy Mayer, Lisa Milewski, Pamela Neeley, Michelle Rivard, Phyllis Shuffield, Cindy Travis, Don Travis, and guest Eddie Harris.

**Order of the Meeting**

**Secretary's Report:** Nancy Adcock

The minutes from last month's meeting are online. Sandra Dworaczyk made a motion to approve the minutes as written. It was seconded by Donna Lewis. Minutes were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** Barbara Cromwell (absent)

The Treasurer's report is filed for audit online. Dues are payable to Dorothy Mayer. \$20. New class members do not pay dues; it was included in class fees.

**Nature Stories:**

Lisa shared a nature story, and Don says it is now possible to document your nature story on the chapter's Facebook page.

**Board Chairs:**

**Communications:** Don Travis

At next Thursday's class, Don will train new members about the VMS system. All members are encouraged to ask Don or Lisa for help when needed.

**Host:** Sherry Colley

We are in need of donations for plates, cups, and bowls. Please—no Styrofoam!

**Membership:** Lisa Milwesi

Make sure to keep your hours turn in on VMS.

**Awards:** 2017 recertification pins

Pamela Neeley, Carole Williams, and Lisa Milewski

2,500 hour pin

Dorothy Mayer

**Advanced Training and Volunteer:** Kathy Lester

--Available to members (while supply lasts) booklet from Texas and Parks and Wildlife on Texas Waters

--Texas Water Specialist training through Texas Parks and Wildlife (8 hours AT)

--Kathy also reminded members webinars are available for AT.

--Mother Earth News in Belton February 17-18. Some workshops will be considered for AT. Please contact Kathy for specifics

**Activities/Announcements**

**Old Business**

**New Class--**Dorothy Mayer

Class will travel to Baylor University Saturday to learn about bugs. Don will send out a map. If participating and want to caravan/carpool, meet at the old M & M building in Cameron at 10:15. Group will leave at 10:30.

**Conference--**Pamela Neeley

Pamela attended a conference planning meeting in Georgetown for field trips.

**Earth Day--**Donna Lewis

Donna needs our help for the Earth Day event. Please let her know if you are interested in helping. She needs about 12 people. The event will be held in Rockdale at the Community Center on Saturday, April 21, from 10 -2.

**New Business**

Great Backyard Bird Count—February 16, 17, 18, AND 19 (VT)

**Motion to Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Dorothy Mayer and seconded by Pamela Neeley. The meeting was adjourned at 6:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Adcock

Meeting time: 45 minutes (VT)

Hospitality, if participating: 1 hour (VT)

Program: "Arundo" by Phyllis Shuffield: 1 hour (AT)

Transportation: 1 hour if present for meeting