

**Texas Master Naturalist  
El Camino Real Chapter  
Chapter Meeting Minutes  
May 10, 2018**

Prior to the meeting a "healthy fare" potluck was served.

The program, "Native Foodways in the Brazos Valley: Feeding the Family before HEB", was presented by Dr. Alston Thom from the Department of Anthropology at Texas A&M.

**Call to Order**

Phyllis Shuffield called the meeting to order at pm. The meeting was held at the Milano Methodist Church, Those in attendance included: Nancy Adcock, Scott Berger, Sherry Colley, Ann Collins, Joyce Conner, Mike Conner, Jenecia Durr, Sandra Dworaczyk, Edward Dworaczyk, Jackie Fields, Tina Foster, Don Hagan, Lynn Hagan, Pat Holley, Catherine Johnson, Sue Ann Kendall, Larry Kocian, Kathy Lester, Donna Lewis, Liz Lewis, Dorothy Mayer, Lisa Milewski, Burton Moore, Pamela Neeley, Phyllis Shuffield, Patrick Still, Kim Summers, Sheri Sweet, Wesley Sweet, Jackie Thornton, Cindy Travis, Don Travis, and guests Pam Batchelder, Steve Batchelder, Jim Cumming, Eddie Harris, Jan Jatzlau, Rosie Johnson, and Sam Jolly,

**Nature Stories—**

Ann Collins—white-eyed vireo

Sue Ann Kendall—squirrel

Lynn Hagan—fox on her porch

Dorothy Mayer—love bugs—keep them cleaned off your vehicle!

Sheri Sweet—snapping turtle

Larry Kocian—sea gulls leaving Alcoa area

**Order of the Meeting**

**Vice President:** Donna Lewis

Next meeting: Barbara Willey 2-hour presentation Pollinators

**Secretary's Report:** Nancy Adcock

The minutes from last month's meeting are posted online. Sandra Dworaczyk made a motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Joyce Conner. Minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mike Conner

The Treasurer's report is filed for audit online. Please double-check employee benefits for matching funds for donations. Remember to use Smile when purchasing from Amazon. Don has more details.

**Board Chairs:**

**Communications:** Don Travis

Nothing at this time

**Host:** Sherry Colley

Nothing needed at this time

**Membership:** Lisa Milweski

Please see report at end of minutes.

**Advanced Training and Volunteer:** Kathy Lester

Water Quality training May 15 in Cameron. 8 - 12 AT opportunity

**Activities/Announcements**

**Old Business**

Donna Lewis gave a report on Earth Day. She said there was a good response from the community. Congrats to all who participated!

Monarch Garden/Grass Garden—Sandra reports a work day on Thursday, May 17, 8am.

**New Business**

Joyce Conner will introduce a new recycling project at the November meeting. Please save old children's t-shirts for making tote bags.

Linda Jo Conn was 4<sup>th</sup> in total number of species in 2018 Nature Challenge with iNaturalist. Kudos and congratulations to Linda Jo!

Chapter may possibly participate in Steaktobberfest in Cameron on October 13, 2018.

Document nature stories on Facebook, if possible.

Pictures will be taken with members and Cameron and Rockdale Chambers of Commerce one morning. Details TBA

**Motion to Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made Donna Lewis by and seconded by Lynn Hagan. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm..

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Adcock

Meeting time: 1 hour (VT)  
Hospitality, if participating: 1 hour (VT)  
Program: 1 hour (AT)

\*\*\*\*\*Awards to follow:

**Thursday, May 10, 2018**

*Membership Report by Lisa Milewski, Membership Director*

1) Awards

Initial Certification:

Sue Ann Kendall

Recertification:

Phyllis Shuffield

Wesley Sweet

Milestones:

Lisa Milewski – 250 Hours

"Friends" Awards:

1. Collier Perry (Earth Day)
2. Peggy Perry (Earth Day)
3. Lori McVoy (Earth Day)

"Special" Awards: (All Earth Day unless noted otherwise next to name)

1. Gary McDaniel (Katherine's Garden)
2. Cindy McDaniel (Katherine's Garden)
3. Don Travis (Communications/Website for Chapter)
4. Linda Jo Conn (2018 Nature Challenge – 4<sup>th</sup> in total number of species identified worldwide)
5. Sherry Colley
6. Sue Ann Kendall
7. Donna Lewis
8. Mike Conner
9. Joyce Conner
10. Debbi Harris
11. Phyllis Shuffield
12. Barbara Paschall
13. Tina Foster
14. Dorothy Mayer
15. Lisa Milewski
16. Liz Lewis

- 17. Darlene Reynolds
- 18. Burton Moore
- 19. Catherine Johnson
- 20. Larry Kocian
- 21. Lynn Hagan
- 22. Sandra Dworaczyk
- 23. Pamela Neeley
- 24. Sam Jolly
- 25. Tyler Lawson (USDA)
- 26. Sean Wall (Cycles of Foraging)
- 27. Todnechia Mitchell (USDA)

2) *Stats for Hours*

<u>April 2018</u>	<u>Year to Date (Jan-Apr</u>	)	<u>Cumulative (Jan</u>
2008 – April 2018)			
VT – 457.25	VT – 2,058.85		VT – 53,259.37
AT – 79.75	AT – 479.25		AT – 7,910.75
(26 Volunteers)	(36 Volunteers)		(98 Volunteers/Transfers
not included)			

3) Reminders

- a) Membership Dues for 2018 should have been paid by March 31<sup>st</sup>
- b) Criminal Background Checks (CBC) – initiated by editing profile
- c) VMS Assistance by phone, email, in person (contact me to schedule)