

Texas Master Naturalist

El Camino Real Chapter

Chapter Meeting Minutes – April 11, 2019, Milano

6-6:30: Potluck meal

Program: Donna Lewis shared information on her purple martin houses and their upkeep.

Meeting

Phyllis Shuffield called the meeting to order at 7:30.

There were 23 attendees, including: Scott Berger, Sherry Colley, Linda Jo Conn, Joyce Conner, Lucy Coward, Jackie Fields, Pat Holley, Catherine Johnson, Sam Jolly (guest), Sue Ann Kendall, Larry Kocian, Kathleen Lester, Donna Lewis, Dorothy Mayer, Lisa Milewski, Pamela Neeley, Phyllis Shuffield, Kim Summers, Sheri Sweet, Wesley Sweet, Jackie Thornton, Cindy Travis, and Don Travis.

Nature Stories:

- Phyllis Shuffield: has seen scissortails and some hummingbirds. She also showed someone how to recognize cedar waxwings by sight and sound.
- Catherine Johnson got to see a bald eagle nest up close.
- Sheri Sweet: met the owner of Wildseed Farms as she was searching for milkweed seeds. He said he would love to buy some seed, at least 50 pounds.
- Sherry Colley: has a new llama neighbor.
- Donna Lewis has seen a white-tailed kite, which is rare.

Secretary Report:

- Corrections to March minutes from Linda Jo Conn: The next certification pin is a golden-cheeked warbler, and the ant bed she saw was a cut-ant bed, not red ants. Sheri Sweet moved to accept the minutes as amended and Pamela Neeley seconded.
- Nancy Adcock's husband Clyde is slowly improving. Sandra Dworaczyk is also improving, though still in intensive care.

Vice President Report: There have been some speaker cancellations. Tim Sigmund is committed to come in August to talk about grassland restoration. Mike Conner would like to speak about habitats.

Treasurer Report: Mike Conner was not in attendance, but the report is filed for audit. Phyllis Shuffield shared a note from the Texas A&M Foundation thanking Linda Jo Conn, who made a donation in honor of Katherine Bedrich.

Communications: Don Travis had nothing new. Sue Ann Kendall requested blog articles.

Host: Sherry Colley had nothing new.

Membership: Lisa Milewski:

- Recertifications: Linda Jo Conn, Joyce Conner, Sue Ann Kendall, Lisa Milewski
- Milestones: Sandra Dworaczyk 2500 hours, Sharon Sweet 1000 hours
- Note that any hours past 45 days will need to be vetted by the chapter board and requested by the chapter president. They will only be allowed for extenuating circumstances.

Advanced Training and Volunteers: Kathy Lester reminds us to tell her about your AT so that she can make sure it is approved. Before the event is best.

Old Business: none

New Business:

Garden: The Sweets requested a donation of \$100 toward a wildflower garden that is a joint project with other groups at the Log Cabins in Lexington. Kim Summers moved that we approve the funds; Donna Lewis seconded.

Earth Day: Donna Lewis says plans are fine. Please bring cookies if you can. There will be time Friday afternoon 4-6:30 pm to bring your supplies in ahead of time, if desired. She requested and found census takers to record the ages and ethnicities of attendees.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30. Sue Ann Kendall moved to adjourn; Larry Kocian seconded.

AT: .75 hours

VE: 1 hour for meeting

VE: 1 hour hospitality, if you brought food

Respectfully submitted by Sue Ann Kendall