

## **Texas Master Naturalist**

### **El Camino Real Chapter**

Chapter Meeting Minutes – July 11, 2019, Milano

6-6:30: Potluck meal

**Program:** Cindy Bolch spoke about the habits of different types of bats. A summary will appear on our blog.

Donna Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:55.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:**

- Linda Jo Conn asked about the status of the garden in front of the Milano Post Office. Consensus is that we are authorized to maintain it, and it probably needs to be replanted. Debbie Harris will be consulted about the plans.
- Joyce Conner reported that the El Camino Real National Historic Trail Association now has a Milam County chapter, named Rancheria Grande. Mike and Joyce Conner, Linda Jo Conn, and John Pruett are part of the chapter, with John as Vice President. Next Monday, July 15, there will be a meeting at 10 am at the Patterson Library in Rockdale to plan an activity for the association's annual meeting, which will be held at Apache Pass. Our chapter is an official partner of the Trail Association, and we are invited to participate. There are field trip ideas and a pamphlet on trail wildflowers in Milam County as possible contributions.
- This chapter will need to elect new officers to start in January. The current leadership hopes that some new people will step up. They are especially looking for a President and Secretary. Please contact Phyllis or Donna if you are interested or want them to pester someone to volunteer.

**President Report:** Phyllis Shuffield was not present.

**Secretary Report:**

- No changes from June meeting. Mike Conner moved that they be accepted, and Don Travis seconded.

**Vice President Report:**

- Donna Lewis has arranged a field trip to see the largest privately-owned purple martin house collection in the country, which is in Milam County. It will provide AT hours. Car poolers can meet at 9:30 in the Cameron square to go there. The address is 8383 FM 1915, Buckholts, TX 76518.

**Treasurer Report:** Mike Conner reports we have \$5100 or so in the treasury and have 36 paid dues.

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

**Host:** Sherry Colley had nothing new.

**Membership:** Lisa Milewski:

- Recertifications: Debbie Harris
- Milestones: Linda Jo Conn – 2500 hours  
Catherine Johnson – 250 hours

**Advanced Training and Volunteers:** Please let Kathy Lester know about anyone who would be interested in attending next year's class.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40. Mike Conner moved to adjourn; Scott Berger seconded.

**Nature Stories:**

- Sue Ann reported seeing a lot of black widow spiders around her ranch house and property in the last week.

AT: 1 hours

VE: .75 hour for meeting

VE: 1 hour hospitality, if you brought food

Respectfully submitted by Sue Ann Kendall