

# TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST/EI Camino Real Chapter

February 13, 2020, 6:00P.M. The Hermit Haus, Cameron

**President Report:** Sue Ann Kendall reported: AT hours are given for class attendance, but please make room for new students. New lights will be installed in front of the building ASAP. Pay dues to remain accredited and get hours. 45-day limit to report hours. Members may bring own dishes to eat on. Very helpful.

**Vice President Report:** Donna Lewis reported on upcoming speakers: March: Houston Toad presentation by Dr. Paul Crump and Dr. Elizabeth Bates. April: TBA. May: Sean Wall on foraging and habitat management.

**Secretary Report:** Jackie Fields, Minutes for January 2020 were approved. Motioned by Sandra Dworaczyk and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donna Lewis.

**Treasurer Report: Joyce Conner substituted for Mike Conner.** The chapter has over \$5135.10 in account. Please pay your \$20 membership dues, if you haven't already.

## Committee Reports

**Communications/Don Travis:** Nothing new.

**Host/Sherry Colley:** Please don't throw away the red cups.

**Membership/Report** by Lisa Milewski: re-certification pin presented to Donna Lewis by Lisa Milewski. First recert of 2020. Liz Lewis got her 1<sup>st</sup> pin and certificate. **Hours reported in VMS:** January 2020 VT-560, AT-115 (40 volunteers) **Year to date** (Jan 1-Feb 9, 2020) VT-673, AT-140 (40 volunteers). **Cumulative**(Jan 2008-Feb 9, 2020) VT-55,847, AT-7384 (57 Active Members Only)

**Class:** Kathy Lester reported there are 12 students enrolled for the new class this year.

**AT:** Pamela Neeley reported: 1) Training Class Field Trip, February 15, 2020, 9:30am-12:30pm, Nancy Webber's, 2727 CR 422, Bartlett, TX. New chapter project: 2) February 22 BioBlitz (organized wildlife survey) of a park in Milam County using iNaturalist. Linda Jo Conn to provide details, site Ledbetter Park. 3) BioBlitz training with Tania Homayoun, April 18, 2020. Time and location TBA. 4) Foraging field trip with Sean Wall May 16, 2020 at the Hermits' Rest Ranch, 1871 CR 140, Cameron, TX. Sue Ann Kendall to provide details. 5) Field trip to Georgetown cave April 4, 2020. Sam Jolly will set up the experience. Showed good slides of some of the sights to be seen. 6) Great Bird Count: February 14-17. 7) Mother Earth News Fair: February 15-16, Bell County Exposition Building, 301 W Loop 21, Belton, TX

**Old Business:** Let Sue Ann Kendall know if we want to start our 2020 brochure on Milam County birds.

**New Business:** Linda Jo Conn wanted to know if anyone wanted to get official "CoCoRaHS rain gauges. Can get for \$31 if 12 people want one. Otherwise they cost around \$42. Not sure of hours to report for rain measurement. President Sue Ann said she would find out.

## Visitors

Tom Coose, Suzy Coose and James Anderle

## Nature Stories

Debra had a rattlesnake on porch, Scott Berger saw ring neck ducks in his pond. Pamela

still had a skunk problem. Sue Ann found another hawk nest on her employer's property, Phyllis Shuffield found baby blue birds and so did Cindy Travis. Donna Lewis has an American Kestrel on her property.

**Adjourn:** **Adjournment** was motioned by Phyllis Shuffield and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ann Collins. Motion passed.

**Hours:**

1 hour AT: At a Chapter meeting, 1 hour VT: Chapter meeting

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