

Texas Master Naturalist
El Camino Real Chapter
Chapter meeting – February 11, 2021, Zoom

Participants: Bobby Allcorn, Connie Anderle, Marian Buegeler, Linda Jo Conn, Carolyn Henderson, Catherine Johnson, Janice Johnson, Sam Jolly, Sue Ann Kendall, Larry Kocian, Liz Lewis, Lisa Milewski, Pamela Neeley, John Pruett, Randy Robinson, Alan Rudd, Phyllis Shuffield, Debra Sorenson, Jackie Thornton, Cindy Travis, Don Travis

Eat and socialize: 6:00 – 6:15 Eat whenever you want to; this is just time to get everyone all settled in.

Program: 6:15 pm

Started 6:10 ended 7:25

Bobby Allcorn presented a program about snakes. Remember, water snakes have round eyes and pupils, while cottonmouths have “cat-eyes.”

Chapter Meeting after Presentation

President Report (Sue Ann Kendall):

- We are still in the red category, which means our meeting and volunteer opportunities are severely limited.
- We will get all the certificates and name tags out to our new members as soon as the COVID issues in Cameron die down a little or I finish my COVID shots.

Vice President Report (Donna Lewis): Upcoming Chapter Meeting presenters and other topics.

Secretary Report (Sue Ann Kendall): Approve January minutes. Remember to send Sue Ann items you want to discuss at Chapter Meetings. Donna Lewis moved to accept, Carolyn Henderson seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer Report (Michael Conner): Pay your dues. \$4864.92 is in the bank. Thanks to Don for sharing Mike’s report, due to a power outage at Conner residence.

Committee Reports

Communications: Don Travis. Send Don your email announcements, and send Sue Ann blog articles. Check the blog for ice storm photos (no doubt they are coming).

Host: Sherry Colley. We are storing all the Master Naturalist items safely at the Hermit Haus. If anyone needs anything, Sue Ann can put them in the carport to be picked up.

Membership: Lisa Milewski.

Award for January 2021:

- 2021 Recertification – Linda Jo Conn

Class Update: Class: Kathy Lester was not present.

AT and VT: Pamela Neeley.

- Note that ALL AT WEBINARS AND OTHER ONLINE TRAININGS MUST BE APPROVED BY PAMELA. This applies to things sponsored by TPWD or AgriLife; it's still up to the chapter to approve activities.

State Representative: Linda Jo Conn –

- WOW award of the month Marian Buegeler who found a Wilson's snipe! (see the end of the document).
- Report on Winter Bioblitz! Thanks to all who participated. It was fun! 485 observations by 9 people. 247 species!! Spring will be next, in May! Before that is the City Nature Challenge, in early May.

Old Business:

- none

New Business:

- TPWD is up to date on background checks and we made it!

Nature Stories:

- Carolyn – American robins have taken over the Cameron Golf Course.
- Lisa – dealing with an aggressive mockingbird, and her birds LOVE Cindy Travis's suet recipe.
- Pamela has a raccoon hanging around. They looked at each other. A huge one got locked in her ceramics studio and knocked things over then left a LOT of footprints from glaze in there.
- Don put paint on raccoons to see if they came back, but they didn't.
- There are LOTS of cardinals around.

Adjourn: Pamela Neeley moved to adjourn, Don Travis seconded.

Hours:

Advanced Training Hours for this meeting 1.25

Volunteer Hours for this meeting .75 hours

VT: Chapter Meeting



Wilson's Snipe

Gallinago delicata

Research Grade

<https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/68422936>

Marian Buegeler marianmarie

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Observation of the Month Award
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