

El Camino Real chapter Texas Master Naturalist

Meeting Minutes

Feb. 10, 2022

Where: All Saints Episcopal Church on Travis @ 2nd St, Cameron

When: Pot luck with a Mexican food theme starts at 5:30 p.m., meeting starts at 6 p.m.

How: The meeting will be in person and zoom. Attendance in person will be taken on the sign-in sheet.

Zoom attendees: Joyce Conner, Mike Conner, Marian Buegeler, Sue Ann Kendall, Larry Kocian, Lisa Milewski

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82351013955?pwd=WXlwR3pFODExeXN1bEV0SmVtN0I5dz09>

- I. Welcome – Carolyn Henderson started the meeting at 6:07. Talk ended 7:21. 5 minutes of intermission ended at 7:40.
- II. Speaker – Henry Hilscher, nutritionist for Livestock Nutrition Company. He has a degree in animal Science from Texas A & M University. He talked about how the LNC works and how they make their food.
- III. Officers and directors' reports.
 - A. President Carolyn Henderson
 1. New students introduced themselves.
 2. Dues must be paid by **March 31** or your name will be removed from the active list and you will not be able to add hours during the inactive time per TMN rules. Carolyn took membership dues. Mike Conner says you can go ahead and pay in advance.
 3. Potluck went well. Thanks to the organizers, Catherine and Kim. Feel free to bring your own plates and such, or contribute to supplies.
 4. Don would like to be replaced from his job. Please talk to Don about it. He has done his job for 15 years. Sue Ann will help out.
 - B. Vice-president Liz Lewis – Next month's speaker is in the works. People liked this month's speaker.
 - C. Treasurer Mike Conner – We just finished the review of last year's books, and all is well. Reviewers said everything is OK. We are close to \$6 in our bank account. Some new class expenses will

lower the balance at some point. We have 31 paid dues. You can do it the photography method (photo of front and back emailed to Mike) or give them in person. Carolyn has three of them, two are in cash. He will need their names, and Carolyn will send those to him.

D. Secretary Sue Ann Kendall

- a. Approve minutes – Kim Summers moved to approve and Alan Rudd seconded.
- b. Blog has done GREAT this month! Send your posts to sunasak@gmail.com

E. Directors

1. Membership Lisa Milewski – see end of minutes for full report.
2. Communications Don Travis – he is looking to retire. He has written up a revised sheet on VMS opportunities. This should be really helpful. If you haven't seen it, contact Don.
3. Student trainer Kathy Lester – happy to have the new students at the meeting. Meetings will be at the Episcopal Church from now on. Next week is the birds meeting. Regular members are allowed to attend this meeting. 5:30 is the start time. We may consider upping Zoom storage to do recordings.
4. Advanced training Pamela Neeley – Whole Earth Expo she doesn't know if it counts as AT or not. Some of the presentations do allow questions. People have gotten credit in the past. The subject matter would also make a difference. Run it by Pamela if you go.
5. State representative Linda Jo Conn
 - a. iNaturalist WOW! photo of the month – an American woodcock found by Pamela Neeley – this is the only woodcock observation in the county ever!
 - b. Consider donating to the Texas Master Naturalist Foundation.
 - c. She shared how she has done so many hours. She is volunteering with Texas Nature Tracker and working with the herbarium, for example. She also observes birds and records her rain on CoCoRAHS.

- d. Tomorrow at 1 pm she will be at the Lilac Cemetery, where there is a black and a white cemetery to do iNat.
- 6. Volunteer Service Projects Donna Lewis – she has a lot lined up for when it warms up. There is a tree person and a purple martin person, perhaps in May. Also, the Stiles Foundation.
- 7. Hostess Catherine Johnson and Kim Summers – theme for next time? Irish or green food = salads.
- IV. Member survey – last chance to contribute ideas.
- V. Milano Butterfly Garden – last chance to adopt it.
- VI. Other business
 - A. Field trip to Alan Rudd’s February 19. He has maps. The idea is to get outdoors. Something about hot dogs. Fire irons? [Someone help with this; I could not hear]. Don’t wear good clothing. 1-6pm.

1.5 AT hours for the presentation

1.25 VT hours for the meeting (at a Chapter meeting)

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Membership Report by Lisa Milewski:

Awards:

2022 Recertification Awards:

- 1) Linda Jo Conn
- 2) Donna Lewis

Milestone Awards:

Eric Neubauer – 500 Hours

Statistical Information:

January 2022

VE – 287.75

AT – 40.5

Initial Training – 40

25 Volunteers

Year to Date (January 1 – February 6, 2022)

VE – 331.25

AT – 56.25

Initial Training – 46

26 Volunteers

Cumulative (January 1, 2008 – February 6, 2022)

VE – 57,235.72

AT – 7,851

Initial Training - 844.5

49 Volunteers

Reminders:

2022 Dues - \$20.00 (Due January 1st each year)

Enter hours within 45 Days

Enter hours rounded up to nearest quarter hour

15 minutes – 0.25

30 minutes – 0.5

45 minutes – 0.75