

El Camino Real chapter of Texas Master Naturalist

Regular Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2022 5:30 p.m. All Saints Episcopal Church

- I. Welcome
 - A. Eat dinner at 5:30

- II. Program on using computer programs for recording hours, chapter web site, and iNaturalist. Started 6 pm, ended 7:15
 - A. Lisa Milewski: see her document that will be on the website
 - B. Linda Jo Conn: She is delaying her talk until later. She points out that you need to open your CoCoRAS box and use that, and only that, for your observations. Get them at weatheryourway.com. You can even order a sign for your weather station.
 - C. Web SITE information will be shared later as well

- III. Meeting started 7:30.
- IV. Shirts. Please bring payment for them.
 - A. Cost is \$43.35 for S – XL and \$45.10 for XXL

- V. We purchased a new computer which we hope will handle everything better. Thanks to Donny for computing this evening

- VI. Field trips and service projects
 - A. Tree Girdling June 25 at Wilson-Ledbetter Park

 - B. June 25 Hotter ‘n Hell BioBlitz June 25, after tree girdling

 - C. Carolyn H wondered if we could assemble Monarch Butterfly Kits for area teachers w/ lesson plans? Can be for later. There was discussion that Master Gardeners already do that so we will look into it further.

- VII. Board members and Directors reports
 - A. Vice President Liz Lewis – Phyllis will give a talk in July on hummingbirds

 - B. Treasurer Mike Connor – not here \$4,412.76

 - C. Secretary Sue Ann Kendall – please approve May minutes Debbi Harris moved to approve; Sandra Dworaczyk seconded. Motion passed.
 - a. Sue Ann won't be here in July. Alan Rudd volunteered to take notes on paper and send them to her.

D. Membership Lisa Milewski

- Initial Certification:
 - Michelle Lopez

- 2022 Recertification:
 - Ann Collins
 - Sandra Dworaczyk
 - Larry Kocian
 - Jackie Thornton

- Milestone:
 - Debra Sorenson - 250 Hours

E. Communications Donny Griggs – we thanked him for starting his new job

F. AT Coordinator Pamela Neeley – use the form to submit activities to Pamela to be sure it's okay.

G. Projects Coordinator Donna Lewis – there is a purple martin event in Buccholtz, June 18 at “his” place. Can carpool meeting at 8:30 at the square in Cameron. It will be hot. 2-3,000 martins. It's on a cattle ranch. Bring dog treats for their dogs. Please let Donna know if you are coming and planning to stay for lunch.

- a. Can the game warden come talk to us? Yes.
- b. Cheryl Lewis can come in July.
- c. Paul Crump is the frog guy.

H. State Rep Linda Jo Conn – Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation is a great place to donate money.

- a. Donnie attended the virtual fair
- b. Two others did a survey
- c. Linda Jo won a Yeti mug!
- d. Lots of people went to the El Camino Real presentation. It is on YouTube if you didn't see it! Look that up. Go visit the locations.
- e. Observation for May on iNaturalist: for flowers you also need photos of the leaves and such.
- f. 16-year-old people can have their own iNaturalist account

I. Student Training Kathy Lester – not in attendance

J. Hostess Catherine Johnson – theme for July dinner is Americana, Texas, country western

VIII. New business - none

IX. Adjourn Sue Ann Kendall moved we adjourn and Debbi Harris seconded

1.25 VT for presentation

.75 AT at a chapter meeting, other

1 VT Hospitality if you brought food

ECR Chapter Meeting Thursday, June 9, 2022

Membership Report by Lisa Milewski:

Awards:

Initial Certification:

Michelle Lopez

Recertifications:

Ann Collins

Sandra Dworaczyk

Larry Kocian

Jackie Thornton

Milestone:

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Statistical Information:

May 2022

VS – 340

AT – 53

Volunteers - 32

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

VS – 2,268

AT – 468

Volunteers 37

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

VS – 59,945

AT – 7,704

Volunteers 46

Reminders:

- 1) Enter hours within 45 Days
- 2) Enter hours rounded up to nearest quarter hour
 - 15 minutes – 0.25
 - 30 minutes – 0.5
 - 45 minutes – 0.75
- 3) Please be clear in the description of your AT (title of AT & speaker name) and in your VS (describe what you did and location of the event to include place & city)
- 4) Mileage is **NOT** allowed for advanced training (AT) and administrative work

