

Texas Master Naturalist- Gideon Lincecum Chapter
Chapter Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2022
Winedale Educational Building

The Advanced Training program on reducing light pollution was given by Debbie Moran from Houston. This program lasted from 9:30 -11:00a.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Sheri Wilcox at 11:20 a.m. There were 28 members and 5 new volunteers in attendance including President Sheri Wilcox; Vice President Nobert Dittrich; Treasurer David Hessel; and Secretary Patti Brown. Lori Buffum moved to approve the January 15, 2022 chapter meeting minutes, which motion was by Ken English. The minutes were unanimously approved.

President Report - Sheri Wilcox

- Be the Change workshop - All Chapters are encouraged to participate and will receive AT hours.
- State Annual TMN meeting will be held at the Omni Hotel in the Galleria area of Houston. Volunteers will be asked to host field locations in our GLC area.
- Email Overload was discussed and we are asked to reply only to persons needing the information not Reply all.
- Please use the Facebook page for mass information.
- We are reminded to only use the Master Naturalist title in connection with volunteer service, not personal business.

Treasurer Report - David Hessel

A copy of the treasurer's report is included in the minutes. The cash balance last meeting was 14,942.00. The current balance is \$17,027.00.

Presentations by Members:

Susan Vanderworth both described and demonstrated using turkey tail fungus (*Trametes versicolor*) to decompose the Ligustrum (invasive species of shrub) that were cut down at the Indian Creek project in Burton.

Jon Watkins spoke on the prescribed burn process with examples and photos from his own property. Jon encouraged members to consider joining the South Central Texas Prescribed Burn Association and to learn more about the advantages of prescribed burns on private lands.

Education – Ken English

- Nineteen names for prospects for 2023 class
- New landowner meeting planned in May by Agrilife
- May 7th is the Honey Bee Jubilee in New Ulm
- No meetings scheduled for April

- Landowner Summit is scheduled for November 7th at the Washington County Fairgrounds

Volunteer Projects – Sheri Wilcox for Jaci Elliott

- Teaching the Prairies is a new volunteer opportunity in partnership with the Fayette Prairie chapter of the Native Prairies Association of Texas.
- The first training for volunteers will be May 28th with Della Barbato as the trainer. Training will take place at the Deer Park Prairie near Houston.
- The Field session for teachers will be October 1st with a rain date of October 8th.
- November 3rd is the virtual session with breakout for individual chapters. We will present in the breakout on the history of the Fayette Prairie.

Membership - Chris Morrison

Our chapter had milestones this month:

- 250 Hour pin awarded to Betty Scardino
- 500 hour pin awarded to Charlene Koehler
- Recertifications for 2022: Chuck Babb; Marsha Braun; Betsy Palkowsky; Swee Leng Rapatz; Jon Watkins; Sheri Wilcox
- G.R.I.T pins will be awarded when they are received

Volunteer Service - Jaci Elliot

- Requested a new member to join the Volunteer Projects Committee to review and approve new projects
- Mary Ann Butler of Adopt-a-Highway could use more volunteers. We are reminded that we may count time spent on our own County roads as volunteer hours for Adopt-a-Highway.

Training – Connie Shortes and Chuck Linton

Training classes are going very well. The May meeting will have 3 members giving presentations at the training class graduation.

Communication – Lori Buffum

Please submit articles to Betsy Palkowsky before March 31st.

Indian Creek Project – Ann Ray

Open Invitation to come any time to work on the Turkey tail project and help plant native grass seeds to slow erosion.

Burton Cotton Gin Festival is April 23rd (10-6)

- We need 8 volunteers to man the GLC TMN educational booth.

Meeting adjourned by Sheri Wilcox at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patti Brown
Chapter Secretary

Gideon Lincecum Financial Statements
Current Budget vs Actual 2022
1/1/2022 through 2/28/2022

Cash Balance as of 01/01/22 \$ 14,942.64

Category	2/28/2022 Actual	2022 Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
Income			
Income:Dues	525.00	3,038.00	(2,513.00)
Income:Fundraiser (net)	1,407.82	2,500.00	(1,092.18)
Income:Training Class Income	200.00	4,350.00	(4,150.00)
Other Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income	2,132.82	9,888.00	(7,755.18)
EXPENSES			
Project Expenses			
Project Expenses:Adopt a Highway	27.24	36.00	(8.76)
Project Expenses:Ag Safety Day	0.00	0.00	0.00
Project Expenses:Attwater	0.00	0.00	0.00
Project Expenses:BISD Outdoor Education	0.00	0.00	0.00
Project Expenses:Indian Creek	0.00	300.00	(300.00)
Project Expenses:La Grange Agrilife Building	0.00	150.00	(150.00)
Project Expenses:Monument Hill	0.00	0.00	0.00
Project Expenses: Native Grass Seed	0.00	0.00	0.00
Project Expenses:Scholarships-Youth	0.00	5,000.00	(5,000.00)
Project Expenses:Schubert	0.00	250.00	(250.00)
Project Expenses:Science-STEM Nights	0.00	0.00	0.00
Project Expenses:SFA State Park	0.00	0.00	0.00
Project Expenses:Washington on the Brazos	0.00	0.00	0.00
Project Expenses:Winedale	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Project Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Project Expenses	27.24	5,736.00	(5,708.76)
General Expenses			
General Expenses:Administrative Expenses	20.99	750.00	(729.01)
General Expenses:Communications-Newsletter	0.00	300.00	(300.00)
General Expenses: Education	0.00	650.00	(650.00)
General Expenses:Hospitality	0.00	750.00	(750.00)
General Expenses:Marketing	0.00	250.00	(250.00)
General Expenses:Membership	0.00	100.00	(100.00)
General Expenses:Memorial Scholarship Fund	0.00		0.00
General Expenses:Presidents Fund	0.00	500.00	(500.00)
General Expenses:Program Expense	0.00	300.00	(300.00)
General Expenses:Training	0.00	2,365.00	(2,365.00)
Other General Expenses	0.00		0.00
Total General Expenses	20.99	5,965.00	(5,944.01)
Total Expenses	48.23	11,701.00	(11,652.77)
Net Cash Flow	2,084.59		
Cash Balance 2/28/22	17,027.23		