

**Texas Master Naturalist Gideon Lincecum Chapter
Chapter Meeting Minutes July 16, 2022
Rankin Ag Center at Blinn College, Brenham TX**

Meeting was called to order at 10:56 by President Sheri Wilcox. Thirty-one members were present, including Treasurer David Hessel and 5 directors. Chris Morrison recorded minutes in the absence of the secretary.

Prior to the meeting the chapter program advanced training was presented by Pat Merkord, president of the Native Prairies Association of Texas. She spoke on "Native Prairie Wildlife and How to Protect Them."

Four of the five chapter youth scholarship winners introduced themselves and gave short statements about their goals. Present were Meagan Demny (Austin County), Jagar Rau (Colorado County), Laci Marburger (Lee County), and Keely Mikolajchak (Washington County). Laura James (Fayette County) will come to the September meeting.

David Hessel moved that the minutes of the May 21 meeting be approved as printed. Motion was seconded and passed.

David Hessel gave the treasurer's report. Balance as of July 1, 2022, is \$16,282.80, and we are on track with the budget. The complete report is attached.

Sheri gave her President's report as follows, including information from board members not in attendance:

- A chapter Summer Social will take place on August 7 at the Winedale pavilion from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.
- September 17 chapter meeting will be at the Rankin Ag Center with a program on feral hogs
- Volunteer Recognition Event will be on December 11
- TMN Annual Meeting - online registration will start August 1. Karen and John Gardner will be presenters. Complete schedule of sessions is on the state website.
- Issues members might be interested in personally:
 - Recovering America's Wildlife Act Bill has passed the House of Representatives
 - Deep In the Heart, a wildlife movie narrated by Matthew McConaughey, is excellent and will be streaming beginning July 8. A recorded message from chapter member Jaci Elliott was shown, drawing attention to the plight of the mountain lion, one of the animals featured in the movie.
- Marketing - Burton Cotton Gin Festival and New Ulm Bee Festival booths were very successful, with many names added to our prospective members list. Our chapter Landowner Summit will be at the Washington County Fairgrounds on November 4.

[Note that the date was changed subsequently to November 10 because of a scheduling conflict.] Chapter members are encouraged to assist with obtaining sponsors.

- Education - we are going to be part of a seminar in Austin County on August 26, giving a presentation on How to Put Together a Pollinator Garden. Julie Itz will use her slides from Washington-on-the-Brazos project. Lori Buffum will help. Other helpers are needed.

Membership Director Chris Morrison awarded Lightning Whelk pins to members who have recertified for 2022 since May 21: Ken English, David Hessel, Charlene Koehler, Chris Morrison, Donna Mueller, Tim Rackley, Cindy Rodibaugh, Belinda Weatherly, and Jim Weatherly. Milestone pins were awarded for 250 hours to David Itz and for 500 hours to Tom Scanio and Jon Watkins.

Lori Buffum, Communications Director, said that Newsletter Editor Betsy Palkowsky sends thanks to all for articles and information sent for recent newsletters. We need one or more helpers for the chapter website.

Connie Shortes, Training Director, said the training committee has met and has agreed on who will take the various responsibilities for putting on next year's classes. We need someone to fill the position of Training Director.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:18 PM.

Chris Morrison
For Patti Brown, Secretary

Gideon Lincecum Financial Statements (Unaudited)
Current Budget vs Actual 2022 - Year to Date
01/01/2022-06/30/2022

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

	06/30/22 Actual	Annual Budget	Difference
Income			
Income:Dues	550.00	3,038.00	-2,488.00
Income:Fundraiser	1,657.82	2,500.00	-842.18
Income:Training Class Income	400.00	4,350.00	-3,950.00
Other Income	500.00	0.00	0.00
	\$		
Total Income	3,107.82	9,888.00	-7,280.18
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	17.84	150.00	132.16
Project Expenses:Monument Hill	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	78.52	0.00	-78.52
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	\$123.60	5,736.00	5,612.40
General Expenses			
General Expenses:Administrative Expenses	72.21	750.00	677.79
General Expenses:Communications-Newsletter	30.95	300.00	269.05
General Expenses:Education Expense	0.00	650.00	650.00
General Expenses:Hospitality	122.55	750.00	627.45
General Expenses:Marketing	0.00	250.00	250.00
General Expenses:Membership	18.00	100.00	82.00
General Expenses:Memorial Scholarship Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
General Expenses:Presidents Fund	0.00	500.00	500.00
General Expenses:Program Expense	60.84	300.00	239.16
General Expenses:Training	1,339.51	2,365.00	1,025.49

Total General Expenses	1,644.06	5,965.00	4,320.94
Total Expenses	<u>\$1,767.66</u>	<u>11,701.00</u>	<u>9,933.34</u>
Net Cash Flow	\$1,340.16	-2,043.68	
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