

**Texas Master Naturalists – Gideon Linsecum Chapter**  
**Chapter Meeting November 19, 2022**  
**Fayette Public Library, La Grange, Texas**

In advance of the business meeting, chapter members heard from Mark Lange, TPWD, on Dove Management in Texas. Chapter members who attended the TMN annual meeting presented on programs they attended:

- Lori Buffum led an activity to encourage all of us to try our hands at nature journaling.
- Chris Morrison spoke about phone apps that could be used for plant and bird identification.
- Sheri Wilcox described the Texas Waters Specialist program and announced that our chapter would be offering a group opportunity to earn certification as Texas Water Specialists.

The business meeting was called to order by President Sheri Wilcox at 11:35 a.m. with 35 members in attendance including VP Norbert Dittrich, Secretary Patti Brown, Past President Betsy Palkowsky, Membership Director Chris Morrison, Education Director Karen Gardner, Volunteer Projects Director Jaci Elliott, and Communications Director Lori Buffum.

The minutes for the September 17, 2022 chapter meeting were approved as distributed.

Membership Director Chris Morrison made her report, a copy of which is attached.

Education Director Karen Gardner and the Education Team are working to update educational materials. Members who would like to update or develop educational materials should contact Karen.

Volunteer Projects Director Jaci Elliott reported on upcoming volunteer opportunities.

Training Director Connie Shortes made her report. The 2023 training class will start January 14, 2023. At the present time, there remain openings for additional class members.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Brown  
Secretary

**Membership Report – Gideon Lincecum Chapter**  
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**Chris Morrison**

**Since the September 17, 2022 meeting:**

**Initial Certification** – first 40 Volunteer and 8 AT hours – Four color dragonfly pin and certificate  
Michel, Frank

**Recertification for 2022** – Lightning Whelk

Brown, Patti  
Daniels, Carol  
Dittrich, Norbert  
Elliott, Jaci  
Gardner, John  
Gardner, Karen  
Hagler, Joanna  
Holdeman, Annette  
Linton, Chuck  
Ray, Ann  
Tiemann, Nita  
Vanderworth, Susan

**250 Hours** – All-Time – Bronze Dragonfly pin  
Steve Capan

We have a new chapter member, **Liz Watkins**, daughter of Jon Watkins. She transferred to us from Coastal Prairie Class where she was a graduate of their 2021 training class. We welcome her to Gideon Lincecum Chapter.

Remember that each volunteer hour you enter from any volunteer opportunity title is worth over \$23 in grants to our sponsoring entities. Please log all of your hours within the 45-day limit under the correct opportunity title and with an appropriate description. The **description is very important**, even if you only say “Attended chapter meeting at La Grange Library”. Please do not leave that box blank.

I’m always happy to answer any questions you have, so please ask them.