

**TEXAS MASTER NATURALISTS-GIDEON LINCECUM CHAPTER  
CHAPTER MEEETING JANUARY 21, 2023  
WINEDALE HISTORICAL CENTER**

The chapter meeting was called to order by President Sheri Wilcox at 9:35 a.m. with 40 members in attendance.

Treasurer David Hessel presented the proposed budget. After discussion, Debra Healy moved that the budget as presented be adopted. The motion passed unanimously. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Chapter members heard from four of our own chapter members on three different subjects of interest.

- Karen and John Gardener presented an AT talk on Urban Wildlife. “Good for Us and Good for Them”, focusing on the impact of urban sprawl.
- Cathy Nolte presented an AT talk on Feeder Watch, a citizen science program active from November through April.
- Vicky Greene presented on AT talk on Antlers and Horns.

The minutes for the November 19, 2023 chapter meeting were approved as distributed.

The proposed Bylaws, which had been distributed to the membership for consideration on December 19, 2022 (30 days in advance of this meeting as required by the existing bylaws), were discussed. Upon motion by Karen Gardner, the Bylaws were adopted as distributed.

Vice President Norbert Dittrich listed upcoming AT training programs.

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

Education Director Karen Gardener shared upcoming events in which the members may volunteer or participate. These events will be on the GLC website calendar.

Marketing Director Ken English reported that the Landowners Summit was a success. A financial report will be presented at the next chapter meeting.

Volunteer Projects Director Jaci Elliott and chapter member Jamie Lee Manning described a potential new project at Festival Hill.

Training Class Director Connie Shortes made her report. Our Class of 2023 kicked off with 16 class members.

Communication Director Lori Buffum reminded chapter members to check the website for upcoming events. She also announced that we have completed the index to technical articles in past issues of the GLC Tidings. The index is on the website.

There being no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Patti Brown Secretary

**Gideon Lincecum Financial Statements (Unaudited)**  
**2023 Budget**

**Cash Balance as of 12/31/22** **\$ 13,274.22**

Category	2023 Budget	2022		
		Actual	Budget	Difference
<b>Income</b>				
Income:Dues	2,500.00	2,000.00	3,038.00	-1,038.00
Income:Fundraiser	2,500.00	1,767.82	2,500.00	-732.18
Income:Training Class Income	2,400.00	2,525.00	4,350.00	-1,825.00
Other Income	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>7,400.00</b>	<b>6,792.82</b>	<b>9,888.00</b>	<b>-3,095.18</b>

<b>EXPENSES</b>				
<b>Project Expenses</b>				
Project Expenses:Adopt a Highway	25.00	27.24	36.00	8.76
Project Expenses:Attwater	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Project Expenses: Fayetteville Native Plant	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Project Expenses:Indian Creek	500.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
Project Expenses:La Grange Agrilife Building	100.00	17.84	150.00	132.16
Project Expenses:Monument Hill	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Project Expenses:Prescribed Burn	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Project Expenses:Scholarships-Youth	2,500.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
Project Expenses:Schubert	250.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
Project Expenses:SFA State Park	0.00 (3)	78.52	0.00	-78.52
Project Expenses:Washington on the Brazos	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Project Expenses:Winedale	0.00 (2)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Project Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Project Expenses</b>	<b>3,675.00</b>	<b>5,123.60</b>	<b>5,736.00</b>	<b>612.40</b>

<b>General Expenses</b>				
General Expenses:Administrative Expenses	750.00 (A)	606.80	750.00	143.20
General Expenses:Communications-Newsletter	300.00	30.95	300.00	269.05
General Expenses:Education Expense	1,000.00 (B)	311.44	650.00	338.56
General Expenses:Hospitality	1,000.00	703.97	750.00	46.03
General Expenses:Marketing	250.00	187.59	250.00	62.41
General Expenses:Membership	100.00	18.00	100.00	82.00
General Expenses:Memorial Scholarship Fund	0.00 (1)	0.00	0.00	0.00
General Expenses:Presidents Fund	500.00	14.94	500.00	485.06
General Expenses:Program Expense	300.00	60.84	300.00	239.16
General Expenses:Training	2,365.00	1,403.11	2,365.00	961.89
General Expenses: Volunteer Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total General Expenses</b>	<b>6,565.00</b>	<b>3,337.64</b>	<b>5,965.00</b>	<b>2,627.36</b>

**Total Expenses** **10,240.00**      **8,461.24**      **11,701.00**      **3,239.76**

Net Cash Flow/(Deficit)      **\$ (2,840.00)**      **\$ (1,668.42)**      **\$ (1,813.00)**

**Estimated Cash Balance as of 12/31/23** **\$ 10,434.22**

**Cash Balance Includes the Following Amounts Designated for Certain Projects**

- (1) Designated Fund-\$330 for State TMN Meeting First Time Attendee
- (2) Designated Fund-\$2331 for Winedale
- (3) Designated Fund-\$158 for SFA

**BUDGET ASSUMPTIONS**

- (A) Administrative Expenses include PayPal Fees, Drop Box and Postage
- (B) Education Expenses for all projects (i.e. Ag Safety, BISD Education, STEM Night and Teaching the Praries

**Membership Report – Gideon Lincecum Chapter**  
**November 19, 2022**  
**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.