

**TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST-GIDEON LINCECUM CHAPTER
CHAPTER MEETING MARCH 18, 2023
WINEDALE HISTORICAL CENTER**

President Sheri Wilcox called the meeting to order at 11:05 with 31 members in attendance.

The minutes for the January 21, 2023 chapter meeting were approved as distributed.

The revised Chapter Operating Handbook was discussed. Judy Deaton moved that the revised Chapter Operating Handbook be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Members heard two advanced training presentations:

- Dr. Merlin Tuttle presented on bat conservation prior to the business meeting.
- Scott Maddox, GLC Class of 2023 gave a presentation on yaupon holly and its benefits.

Education Director Karen Gardner informed members about upcoming volunteer opportunities. She introduced guest educator TPWD ranger Joy Nutt from Lake Somerville State Park, who spoke about her plans to reintroduce in-person educational opportunities at the park.

Training Class Director Connie Shortes reported on the training program and noted that graduation will be held at the May 20, 2023 meeting.

Volunteer Projects Director Jaci Elliott updated the members on the discussions about a potential new volunteer project at Festival Hill.

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

Communications Director Lori Buffum encouraged members to submit articles for the chapter newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Patti Brown Secretary