

Texas Master Naturalist - Gideon Lincecum Chapter
Board Meeting
November 8, 2017

Members Present: Cindy Hobbs, Donna Mueller, Dave Redden, Jerry Gips, Jeb Lapeyrolerie, Betsy Palkowsky, Lori Buffum, Earl Mills, Cindy Rodibaugh, Christine Morrison, Linda Nations, Nita Tiemann, Linda Esco

Meeting was called to order at 10:02 by President Cindy Hobbs

Christine Morrison made a motion to approve the June 21, 2017 board meeting minutes. It was seconded and approved.

Cindy Hobbs advised end of year reports will be due in January and all members should update their hours on the VMS system. President will announce at November chapter meeting.

Cindy Hobbs provided information on expenditures for the recent state conference. Our chapter provides \$200 for a first time chapter attendee. This was awarded to Jeb Lapeyrolerie. The state provides \$75 for a chapter member and this was awarded to Ginny Welch. Cindy Hobbs donated her \$200 expense allowance and this was awarded to Linda Esco.

Upcoming Changes for 2018:

- Chris Morrison will take over membership and VMS system
- Hospitality will be provided for chapter meetings only - not training sessions
- There is a new Marketing Director position. Volunteer solicitation will be in the next newsletter and it will also be discussed at the November chapter meeting

November chapter AT meeting will be on Top Ten Projects. Two of our scholarship winners will give presentations as part of the chapter meeting.

Outreach - Tablecloths have been purchased and will be added to the tri-folds for each county. Linda Esco and Donna Mueller will represent our chapter at the December 1 outreach program in Washington county.

Volunteer Recognition Dinner - Sunday, December 10 at SPJST on Waldeck Rd. in Ledbetter. Doors will open at 2 p.m. and dinner will start at 4. Cindy Hobbs will provide wine and the chapter will furnish the meat entree. Chapter members will provide sides and desserts with board members providing hors d'oeuvres. This is a BYOB event. To avoid duplicates and get an attendance count, Lori Buffum will send out RSVP invitations that also request the chapter member specify the food item being brought.

Mill Creek Watershed Stream Team - Volunteer service duties include coordinate volunteer service hours, train TMN and others to be Texas Stream Team citizen scientists, facilitate and collect water sample data from Mill Creek watershed, maintain data collection and report to responsible parties and maintain water testing kits.

Advanced training for water sampling will be provided in January. Cost of water quality test kit is \$500. Chris Morrison made a motion that the chapter purchase the initial kit. The motion was seconded and approved by the board. Since this project is open to the public the kit will be available for checkout. The checkout process will include a mandatory release form. Additional test kits may be purchased in the future using project donation money.

The updates to the Chapter Operating Handbook were reviewed in-depth. The following corrections were made:

- Item numbering beginning with 3.1.3 and subsequent numbers
- Correct spelling on item 5.2.9 for Belleville Science Night
- Item 5.2.3 f will be changed from Volunteer Recognition “Party” to Volunteer Recognition “event”

Lori Buffum made a motion to accept the Chapter Operating Handbook with the referenced corrections. The motion and seconded and passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:53.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Esco