

TMN – Gideon Lincecum Chapter Board Meeting
Saturday, January 27, 2007

The board meeting was called to order at 9:30am by President Dave Redden. Board members, committee chairs and members present were Randy Reddemann, Frank Monk, Martha Koslosky, Ron Christie, Larry Hilgers, Jan Redden, Dave Redden, Carol Montgomery, Cecil Rives, Louise Wied, Linda Kay Behrend, David Vogel, and Monterey White.

- Dave called for the approval of the minutes submitted for the December 2, 2006, general meeting. Randy Reddemann made a motion to approve the minutes, Carol Montgomery seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
- Randy Reddemann's vice-presidential report included an update on the status of our application for a 501(c) (3) tax designation. We have submitted the required forms to the federal government and expect to hear something from them by February or March.
 - Randy presented an Expense Reimbursement Policy for our chapter. We should study the policy between now and the next meeting, and hopefully can approve it at the next meeting.
 - An information packet for new members is being developed.
 - Program plans for 2007 include the Firewise program that we are currently sharing with the Native Plant Society. The next Firewise program will be on February 20th.
 - Advance Training opportunities will be sent via e-mail to all members.
 - All Board members must sign a Conflict of Interest form. These were handed out during the meeting, and most members submitted them. They were given to Martha Koslosky to keep in our volunteer/advanced training hours folders.
- Treasurer Ron Christie's report included dues receipts. Nine new members have paid. Twenty-one members have not.

Payment is due January 31, but will be accepted until the end of March. If there is a hardship, dues may be waived.

- A complete record of checkbook transactions was handed out to the membership, as well as the 2006 budget and 2007 projected budget. To see copies of these, contact Ron Christie or Larry Hilgers.
- Training Committee chairman Cecil Rives handed out the schedule for this year's Master Naturalist classes. Only two of the classes are unconfirmed – February 17th and March 19th. These should be verified by the time the classes are held.
 - Maps for the first class on February 3rd and February 5th are already finished. Hard copies will be available on the 3rd.
- Martha Koslosky reported on the waiver of liability forms. We will use the MN release of liability. She will check with Larry Pierce to see if social security numbers must be on the background check. Martha presented a new reporting form for dues and hours. We are to look over this new form and if there are any errors of our own records, we should contact Martha. Larry Hilgers received his Master Naturalist badge.
- Louise Wied reported on Volunteer Service projects. There are no new service projects turned in for approval. Several projects were discussed: the bat project, the Brenham Elementary outdoor classroom, and the Kuehn's Park project. Linda Kay Behrend reported that she made a presentation to the Columbus ISD school board about the park near New Ulm, and the board will consider whether to make the park an outdoor classroom location.
- Jan Redden on Outreach status. There are nine paid applicants for the MN classes beginning February 3rd, and three other people are strong possibilities.
 - The web page has been upgraded and the work is ongoing.
 - The Antique Rose Emporium would like us to present something pertaining to the purpose of Master Naturalists during a week-end in April that will interest

children as well as adults. This is an opportunity to both introduce our group to the public, educate, and recruit new members. It was decided that April 28th and 29th will be the GLC chapter's time at the Antique Rose Emporium. There were several people who volunteered for this project.

- Louise Wied will have a sample newsletter at the February general meeting.

- Hubbard/Dingley in charge of the History/Library of our chapter were not present. Linda Kay Behrend expressed an interest in taking over these duties. Linda Kay and Louise Wied would also like to do a scrapbook for the group.

- Old Business. There is a canoe trip down the Yegua Creek to Lake Somerville on June 16th for the WCWS from 9am until noon. Parks & Wildlife are sponsoring the trip and the MN are assisting. Anyone interested should let Dave know.
 - There is no general meeting planned for February, but we will piggyback with the Native Plant Society's presentation of Wildfires on February 20th.
 - The next board meeting will be March 24th at Carol Montgomery's place.

- New Business. Frank Monk announced that there will be a float trip down a creek beginning near Highway 36, south of Bellville, to the Brazos River. It will take 5-7 hours. Anyone interested should contact Frank.
 - There is new legislation passed that if you own less than sixteen acres, but have an agriculture exemption, you can now convert that to a wildlife exemption.
 - Martha Koslosky thanked Linda Kay Behrend for the use of her place for our meeting.

Randy Reddemann made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Louise Wied seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Monterey M. White, Secretary.