

**TMN-Gideon Lincecum  
Chapter Meeting  
November 15, 2014  
Winedale  
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 AM by President Cindy Hobbs.  
There were 17 members present.  
The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as presented.

**Presidents Report**

Cindy and several others attended the state meeting and found it very worthwhile. Next year's pin will be bluebonnets. Cindy and Lori Buffum recommended a book titled Range Plants of N. Central Texas by Ricky J. Linux. It is available on line at <http://shop.brit.org/products/range-plants> for \$20.

**Vice President**

Karen Woods announced the Christmas Party at her house on Sunday, December 14 at 4:00 PM. The address is 7080 Race Track Road off of Highway 77 just north of LaGrange. Meat will be provided. Bring a side dish and beverage of your choice. Karen asked for input and suggestions on programs for the coming year. Interests are ants, plant I.D. and vultures. Cindy Rodibaugh recommended the soil speaker that was at Attwater Prairie November 14. His demonstration showed the importance of not tilling the soil. Lori Buffum recommended we have someone to talk about "Bringing Nature to Youth."

Cindy Hobbs stated that there is a Junior Naturalist Program already in place, and she has requested the information. Carol Daniels stated that Natalie James is the contact person in Brenham for outdoor learning.

Chris Morrison suggested that we expand the program to include other school districts. It was suggested that we have to show school districts that it will benefit them and improve science test scores.

**Brenham I.S.D.** by Cindy Hobbs for Carol Paulson

Carol reports that the Outdoor Education Program is in full swing. The vegetable gardens were planted in October. They will be working at Birch Creek Elementary on Nov. 18, 19, and 20. More volunteers are needed.

**Newsletter** by Cindy Hobbs for Carol Paulson

Carol needs articles. She plans to publish the next newsletter in early December.

**Treasurer**

Carol Daniels will take Mary Jones place for the remainder of this year.

Beginning Balance May 1, 2014		17050.51
Deposits		685.50
Dues	60.00	
Plant Sales	120.50	
Plant sale/donation/dues	55.00	
D Redden Chainsaws	450.00	
Withdrawals		1395.60
Training	239.14	
Deposit correction ( lost dues)	20.00	
Background checks	320.00	
Training (Healy)	280.00	
Crackajack Engravers	108.50	
Winedale	345.00	
Training (Morrison)	22.96	
Blinn College Foundation	50.00	
Balance on November 14, 2014		16340.41

Cindy Rodibaugh will continue to sign checks until the new treasurer is elected.  
Dues will be \$20 per person for next year.

Judy Deaton requests donations be made to the chapter in Bill Deaton's name.  
Checks can be made payable to TMN-GLC.

**Training** Cindy Rodibaugh

The training schedule is on the website. Most classes will be held at Winedale.  
Forestry will be at Monument Hill State Park and Ornithology will be held at  
Attwater National Wildlife Refuge.

The cost for Winedale is \$500.

Eight recruits have completed the web application. Two have submitted the class  
fee. We need 15 to make the class.

Orientation is Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Website** Madeline Johnson

In addition to having our training schedule on the website, in November there will be a series of advertisements on Google that take people to our website. We only pay if they click on our website.

**Membership** Carol Daniels

Chapter members have reported 2787.75 volunteer hours and 447.25 AT hours through the third quarter. The following have recertified: Lori Buffum, Wes Davenport, Debra Healy, Cheryl Karr, Dottie Schoenberg, Nita Tieman, Jim Weatherly, and Peggy Young.

Carol Paulson has reached 500 hours and Judy Deaton has reached 1000 hours.

**Recruiting** Cindy Rodibaugh

We still need someone to be in charge of recruiting. Cindy Rodibaugh has the chapter tri-fold. Lori Buffum had 350 brochures printed and is donating them to the chapter to be distributed for recruiting. Members should recruit and can place brochures at county agents offices.

**Monument Hill** Karen Woods

We are waiting for sign approval. There will be future maintenance needed at he park.

**Adopt a Highway**

We should have a highway clean-up in December.

**Attwater NWR**

There are volunteers needed for regular work. On Wednesdays volunteers have been planting native grasses. Email Butch Young for more information.

**Prairie Committee** Charlotte von Rosenberg

At least 12 members took part in the seed collecting training on November 1<sup>st</sup>. John Wylie and Shelly Myer did an excellent job. Of special interest was a new method of seed cleaning using industrial flooring.

**New Business**

Lori Buffum encourages everyone to get a Facebook account so that they can participate in the chapter Facebook page. You do not have to be active on Facebook to participate.

Cindy Hobbs said the state is trying to interest more Latinos in the Master Naturalist program.

Cindy Hobbs said the state would like new officers to be installed in November starting next year.

The slate of officers for 2015 will be:

President: Cindy Hobbs

Vice President: Karen Mahoney Woods

Treasurer: Christine Morrison

Secretary: Debbie Copeland/Cheryl Karr

We are still in need of a recruiter and publicist for next year.

It was proposed that a scholarship could be established for someone in the class in Bill Deaton's name.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Debbie Copeland