

TMN – Gideon Lincecum Chapter Meeting

September 19, 2009

Winedale Historical Center

Winedale, TX

Minutes

1. Call meeting to order - The meeting is called to order by President Dave Redden at 9:09am. Those present are Carol Montgomery, Mary Evelyn Sorrell, Randy Reddemann, Donna Cooley, Jerry Frazier, Cindy Rodibaugh, Gene Luhn, Debbie Copeland Luhn, Judy Deaton, Jonell Parker, Janet Rangel, Martha Koslosky, Jan Redden, Monterey White, Jim Weatherly, Cecil Rives, Charlotte von Rosenberg, and Dave Redden.
2. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes - Jonell Parker makes a motion to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2009, Board Meeting. Jan Redden seconds the motion and it carries unanimously.

3. Executive and Operating Committee Reports

President Report – Redden

- State meeting October 23-25. Dave urges members to sign up soon for this event.
- Approve scholarship for one member. Monterey White makes a motion to approve Cindy Rodibaugh as the recipient of the scholarship. Carol Montgomery seconds the motion and it carries unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – All financial records are available from Larry Hilgers or Dave Redden.

- Dues receipt status
- Grant from ExxonMobil received
- Application for IBM grant in process.
- Budget status - We are in good shape financially.
- Investigation of possible need for modification of accounting procedures has been completed with no changes required for us.

VP Report – Reddemann

- Chapter bylaws updates for compliance with Sarbannes/Oxley, etc. Randy Reddemann has been checking with other 501 (c)(3) organizations. He also reports that while the Texas legislature made several tax law changes, they do not affect us as a non-profit.

4. **Committee Updates** (review organization, address any issues, clarify expectations, identify interfaces with other committees)

- Training – Mary Jones (Spring 2010)
 - Status of plans for next class. Judy Deaton reports that there

is some hesitancy on the part of UT about using the Winedale venue and so no class schedule has been set up. Mary Evelyn Sorrell says that Echo Urribe and Dr. Patrick Cox are the UT contacts.

- Membership – Martha Koslosky
 - Status of membership reporting of hours. Martha urges us to send her our volunteer and advanced training hours.
 - Status of membership changes. Currently there are 86 members.
 - Member milestones, recognition. 37 members have completed their initial certification. Martha awards re-certification pins to Jim Weatherly, Cecil Rives, Jonell Parker, Randy Reddemann, Judy Deaton, and Carol Montgomery.
 - Background checks – cards for all new members who are present.
- Program Committee – Debbie Copeland Luhn
 - Sept 19 – Intro to Butterflies – Dan Hardy, Austin
 - Nov 21 – Don Steinbach – Conservation easements. Randy Reddemann suggests that the native prairie committee might present their work as a complement to the easement topic. Gene Luhn says he will find out how much time Don Steinbach will need.
 - October 3 -- joint meeting with MG, WCWS, TWG, NPSOT, TBS. GLC is a co-sponsor of this all-day event.
 - Poll of membership for suggestions and comments on best time to do the programs. There is a discussion about how often to have speakers and whether they should be on the same day as a meeting, every other month, or quarterly with several speakers in one day.
- Advanced Training Committee – Dave Redden
 - Process for posting updates and notifying chapter. This information is on the website and Dave also sends emails.
 - Join TMN list server.
 - Houston Toad watch. October 10th is the next training session.
 - State meeting is a good opportunity for AT
- Host – Montgomery/Parker – see memo for more information.
 - Possible events with Top Tenner theme. Carol Montgomery hands out a memo explaining the Top Ten project and plans for about a possible social event on February 20th in which some Top Ten lists are presented. .

Jerry Frazier says that he and Mary Jones of the Training committee will encourage students to have a Top Ten list by the end of classes.

- December meeting. December 5th is both the Christmas party and election of officers. The nominating committee consists of Monterey White, Mary Evelyn Sorrell, and Cindy Rodibaugh. Jan Redden said she would put a notice about elections in the October newsletter.
- History/Library – Cindy Rodibaugh
 - Scrapbook status - The scrapbook is finished and it is beautiful! Cindy has also copied all the GLC newsletters and put them into a folder. There are two CD's that are missing from our library. Jan Redden said she would put a notice about the missing CD's in the October newsletter. Betsy Harwood has a Bird Calls/Songs DVD available for a \$10 donation.

Break from 10:20 to 10:35.

- Communications – Jan Redden
 - Newsletter – please submit ideas. Jan has a pamphlet that tells about our group and several people take copies to disperse in their counties .
 - Mary Evelyn Sorrell is handling press publicity contacts.
 - Trifold display panel. Judy Deaton currently has both display panels. Cindy Rodibaugh volunteers to take one.
 - Web site. Dave Redden works on this.
- Recruiting – Judy Deaton
 - Status of recruiting for next class (2010). Judy reports that there are 85 prospective members including people that couldn't attend last year but expressed an interest for 2010. No money has been collected yet.
- Volunteer Service Projects – Ed Koslosky
 - Current list of known projects
 - § Burton cotton gin nature trail on Indian Creek (Montgomery / Ed Koslosky)
 - o Work day plans. Carol Montgomery reports that October 17th is the next work day. Plans are to cut down and poison invasive plants that have come back, plus getting trails marked and ready for mulch. Come to the Burton Café at 8am

if you want breakfast. Work lasts from 9-noon.

§ Native Prairie Restoration (von Rosenberg).

Charlotte reports that the NRCS soil survey was most helpful in determining a prairie remnant. Dr. Smeins has stated that if land has been terraced or plowed, it won't be native prairie.

- Signage for native prairie remnants (von Rosenberg, Rives, Pierce, Reddemann). Cecil Rives makes a motion to accept the sign as designed. Mary Evelyn Sorrell seconds the motion and it carries unanimously. The Blum property is an example of native prairie as well as von Rosenberg's.
- Native prairie management tools and techniques brochure (Reddemann, Rives, von Rosenberg) Locating owners of land that might contain native prairie must be done first.
- Looking into a co-op for native prairie restoration . Cecil Rives states that a co-op should first offer guidelines to restore native prairie, list and possibly provide some of the tools that are needed for restoration.
- Brenham Elementary School Native Prairie Restoration effort. Poisoning of invasive vegetation will have to be done again.

§ City of LaGrange STRIDES Core Nature Trail

System (formerly called Czech Heritage Museum property near La Grange). Status of grant application. \$161k from TPWD and \$50k from City (Koslosky / Vogel / Fritcher/ Grigsby/ Rangel) Janet Rangel reports that the the project is waiting for the archeological survey to be finished and a final report from the Texas Historical Society. The eagle survey has been completed and proposed trails are ready to be presented. ADA compatibility is necessary because it's a federal grant.

§ Winedale Trails and Brush Clearing

(Dillingham/Redden). This project is still on hold.

§ Winedale bluebird nestbox

(Weatherly/Eppler/Milenki). 8 nest boxes have been

put up. Screech owl and duck boxes are also up. Nest boxes need to be monitored beginning in February.

§ BES Bluebird trail (Solari) - No report.

§ Chimney swift count. Parker attended a workshop to learn to build chimney swift structures. Jonell Parker reports that they made a nesting tower. The cost is \$500 and only one nesting pair will use the tower at a time. When it is not the breeding season, many swifts will roost in the tower. Debbie Luhn points out that the chimney swift count is for roosting swifts, not nesting. There seem to be plenty of swifts roosting together. This committee needs to determine how GLC can help.

§ Support Pioneer Unit of Texas Herb Society in maintaining herb gardens at Winedale (McGregor house) (B Weatherly) Jim Weatherly reports that our group has been recognized for helping with this project.

§ 4-H WHEP team support for Washington County. (Redden and Nutt) Dave reports that Joy is still working on this project and we are helping.

§ Top Tanners - see report above.

§ Curly Q Refuge (Behrend) - no report.

· Potential Projects

§ New opportunities for service - open for any input or suggestions

5. Other Old Business. Jerry Frazier offers to present an overview of the new class training topics as well as a field trip during the 2010 training class.

Gene Luhn reports that there is no action on the Colorado River project. Dave suggests that no further reports are necessary until there is something for us to contribute.

6. Other New Business - none.

7. Next meeting date (November 21) and place (Winedale)

8. Adjourn. Randy Reddemann makes a motion to adjourn, Jan Redden seconds the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting is adjourned at 11:54am.

Respectfully Submitted,
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