

**TMN-Gideon Lincecum Chapter Meeting
September 18, 2010
Winedale Historical Center
Winedale, Texas**

Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:17am by President Dave Redden. Those present are Carol Paulson, Jerry Frazier, Wes Davenport, Madeline Johnson, Jerry King, Cheryl Karr, Jim Weatherly, Belinda Weatherly, Randy Reddemann, Carol Daniels, Judy Deaton, John Platt, Toni Platt, Cindy Rodibaugh, Lefty Yarnold, LuAn Yarnold, Janet Jarrell, Debbie Copeland Luhn, Larry Hilgers, Dave Redden, Monterey White, Carol Montgomery, and Jan Redden.

2. Judy Deaton makes a motion to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2010, meeting and Carol Paulson seconds and the motion carries unanimously.

3. Executive and Operating Committee Reports

President's Report - Dave Redden

Winedale and UT partnership with TMN-GLC. Barbara White is in charge but currently there is no budget and no schedule. We will try to start prairie restoration by calculating how much Roundup is needed to get started. We can develop a budget. For now Roundup should be applied in the spring and then repeat in a year. This project will become part of the prairie restoration committee. Barbara is also interested in making trails, but for that we need a chipper. There is a Winedale site plan that may be on the website.

Sarbane-Oxley compliance plans. After a brief explanation by Randy Reddeman, Belinda Weatherly makes a motion to adopt the Sarbane-Oxley compliance plans, Carol Montgomery seconds, and the motion carries unanimously.

VP's Report - Cindy Rodibaugh

Cindy reports that the slate of officers is coming along and should be presented at the November meeting. Many committee chairs have already changed. Election of officers will be help during the December 11th meeting.

Treasurer's Report - Larry Hilgers

Dues receipt status, grant application and receipt status, and expense status, plus the budget are all available electronically from Larry upon request. The only recent expenses are today's speakers and BISD. Judy Deaton asks about the feasibility of using Pay Pal instead of writing checks. The treasurer's report is accepted by acclimation.

4. Committee Updates

Training - Mary Jones (Spring, 2011)

Toni Platt reports that we are waiting for the confirmation of some

speakers. Class starts on January 29, 2011, and ends in early May. We have not heard back from Winedale yet and need to get the speakers lined up quickly because the event schedule for Winedale fills up quickly. Beth Stewart is the contact in charge of reservations.

Recruiting - Judy Deaton

Status - 28 people have expressed an interest in joining the 2011 class, but no money has been collected. Two have transferred here from other chapters. Jerry King has officially transferred and is welcomed to the GL chapter. The second person has not yet officially transferred.

Plans for Recruiting rest of this year - newspaper and radio advertisements will be placed.

Tent helpers are needed. A crew needs to get the tent, put it up at a location, take it down and return it to where it is being is currently stored at Judy's place.

Membership - Carol Daniels

Jerry King is recognized as a new GLC from the Gulf Coast Chapter of TMN.

Members should be reporting their quarterly volunteer and AT hours now. Everyone should fill out an interest form.

There is a discussion of what constitutes an inactive member.

Carol thanks Judy Deaton for the picture roster.

Membership milestone recognition. Pins have been mailed to recipients. Debbie Copeland Luhn, Gene Luhn, Bill Deaton, Judy Deaton, Cheryl Karr, Ruth Mercier, Carol Montgomery, Carol Paulson, Jan Redden and Charlotte von Rosenberg have recertified since graduation.

No changes in background checks from Agri-Life.

Carol asks what is a current liability form and Dave says he will check with Sonny Arnold. Our notebook may have the answer.

Program Committee - Cindy Rodibaugh

September 18th - Dr. Patricia Richardson on soils and what is happening underneath the ground, and Wallace T. Ward on sprouting and bumping up native plants. There are no plans for a program at the November meeting.

Advanced Training Committee - Dave Redden

Notices are distributed by email and some notices are posted on our website.

Everyone should join the state list server and get notices of other chapter events.

Consider joining the Katy Prairie Conservancy and the Coastal Prairie Partnership which has a November 4-5 meeting in Houston.

Host/Social - LuAn and Lefty Yarnold

Year end dinner and election of officers will take place on December 11th. Bring a covered dish.

Top Ten programs are tentatively scheduled for Saturday, February 19th and Saturday, June 4th at 6pm.

History/Library - Cindy Rodibaugh

There is a list of materials in the library on our website. Contact Cindy if you want to use any. Cindy brought the scrapbook that she has compiled of all our activities. She will need help next year and is hoping new members will volunteer.

Communications - Jan Redden

Newsletter status - Anyone who has pictures from any of our activities should send them to Jan. There will probably be a newsletter in October so send a list and explanation of any committee activities to her as well.

Judy Deaton is doing publicity for class recruiting (see above).

Trifold display panels - Judy Deaton has one and Cindy Rodibaugh has the other.

Website - Madeline Johnson. The status of the new site is effective 9/1/10. Project status updates are needed from all project leaders. Madeline wants to emphasize this - what projects are coming up, past accomplishments. Send photos, but remember no photos of children can be on the site without parental consent. Dave thanks Madeline for her work.

Volunteer Projects - Ed Koslosky

Burton cotton gin nature trail on Indian Creek. Carol Montgomery reports that the trail is still intact but it could use a little more mulch. Trash pickup can always be done by anyone wanting to volunteer. There is a large branch hanging near the bridge and Carol needs someone strong enough to hold a chainsaw above their head to cut it down. Sunday afternoon, October 17th, at 1pm may be the next official work day at the site. Tree identification signs is being done by Ed.

Native prairie restoration. The next committee meeting is October 2nd from 9-11. There are currently two potential remnants to inspect. Seed collection for NRCS is scheduled for October 16th at Winedale. There will be a morning class and then field work.

Brenham Elementary School native prairie restoration. We are withdrawing from active participation until Johnson grass can be killed. We are supporting the project with grant money.

Winedale Trails and Brush clearing - GLC is waiting on UT. Site plan review was done 2/15/10 (see above).

Winedale bluebird nest box trail statue. Nest boxes should be cleaned out now. Consider joining Nestwatch with Cornell University Ornithology Lab.

BES Bluebird trail is ongoing. Solari is not present.

Belinda Weatherly reports that the Pioneer Unit of Texas Herb Society is maintaining herb gardens at the McGregor house at Winedale. Volunteers meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 9am. Everyone is

welcome.

Top Ten collections needs a leader. LuAn Platt will do the social aspects of each meeting, but someone needs to help people get started with their top ten choices. Remember that permission is needed to use any Internet or print pictures that are not your own.

Houston Toad Survey. Dave Redden reports that the Houston Zoo wants to continue next year with the surveys, even though no toads were counted in this area. Several surveys must be taken before any conclusions can be reached.

Christ Lutheran Day School in Brenham. Dave reports that he has put up bird boxes, introduced the children to the life cycle of butterflies. The school has also hatched chicken eggs.

Lutherhill Camp near LaGrange. Larry Hilgers reports that he is helping with the identification of trees and animals. There is also trail building. The camp is located north of LaGrange.

Prescribed burns will begin once burn bans are lifted.

Potential Projects

The Carmine park restoration project wants someone to put in a butterfly garden and bluebird houses. Contact Wes Davenport or Madeline Johnson.

Volunteers are needed to make garlands for Winedale houses during the first week-end in December. December 11th is the open house. Contact LuAn Yarnold.

5. Old Business.

6. New Business. TPWD is looking into specialty master naturalist license plates as a money-making endeavor.

7. Next meeting will be November 20th at Winedale.

8. The meeting is adjourned at 11:36am.

Respectfully submitted,
Monterey M. White, Secretary