

TMN Gideon Lincecum Chapter Meeting
May 17, 2014
Winedale Conference Center

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Karen Woods at 8:03 AM. The members present were: Royceanna Kendall, Jerry Gips, Lori Buffum, Debbie Copeland, Mary Jones, Debra Healy, Cindy Rodibaugh, Lefty Arnold, LeAnn Bennett, Lorri Sanchez, Nita Tiemann, Karen Woods, Carolyn Hale, Keith Hale, Carol Daniels, Madeline Johnson, Belinda Weatherly, and Jim Weatherly.

The minutes of the March meeting were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report – Mary Jones

We have \$16,533.37 total assets in the checking account.
\$120.50 was taken in at the Burton Cotton Gin festival.
\$3,400 was received from our corporate sponsor BP for the Ginnard's volunteer hours.

Training Committee – Cindy Rodibaugh

15 of 20 in this year's class graduated. Five trainees had perfect attendance. We will have a wrap-up meeting in a few weeks.

Hospitality- Nita Tiemann

Nita wanted to know how training and hospitality expenses were separated. Mary Jones suggested that the receipts be turned in, and she will place them in the correct category.

Volunteer Project Chair Reports:

Burton /Cotton gin Festival – Cindy Rodibaugh

The festival went well, but was not as busy as last year. The tent is impressive, but cumbersome. We are getting into schools with the rain harvesting program.

Attwater NWR

There is a monthly meeting for working on the herbarium. Butch Young works there once per week.

Monument Hill-Karen Woods

We had good workdays on April 25th and May 15th. We are in the planning stage of what we want the ID signs to look like. We will probably make the “prairie” our first ID area. It would be good to have pictures on the signs. The book ID we did for Lutherhill several years ago before it burned was a nice format and a good reference.

Brenham Greenhouse – Lefty and LuAn Yarnold

The plants have been cleaned out of the greenhouse and can be taken home today. We need to save the pots. Donations are welcomed to buy dirt and flower pots.

Washington on the Brazos is on hold for the present.

Stephen F. Austin State Park project is on hold due to personnel changes at the park.

Fayette County Farm Safety Day

Donna Mueller’s Rainwater Collection Program went well. 350 fifth grade students went through the program.

Membership Report: Carol Daniels

The chapter members have reported 1482.75 volunteer hours and 219 AT hours through the end of the first quarter. Ron Peach has initially certified. Five members have recertified: Carol Daniels, Madeline Johnson, Dave Redden, Cindy Rodibaugh, and Butch Young. Wes Davenport has reached 500 hours. Butch Young has reached 1000 hours.

Website – Madeline Johnson

Madeline has separated the AT opportunities from the volunteer opportunities on the web page so that it is easier to keep up. We have as yet not determined a way to do a calendar that allows updates by the project chairs.

Upcoming Advanced Training: Dove Management in Texas

Training for dove banding will be on Saturday, June 7th from 9:00-12:00 at the Blinn-Rankin Ag Complex. Sean Oldenburger will give a brief presentation today on the program before the Invasives Training.

New Business

Cindy Rodibaugh raised the possibility of buying a pop- up tent and maybe selling the old tent. Storage is a problem, and we only use the tent once a year at the Cotton Gin Festival. Sand buckets could be used instead of the cement buckets.

Lorri Sanchez is an outdoor resource person at Camp Lonestar. The camp is in the developmental stages of setting up an outdoor program for youngsters and adults. This could be an opportunity for advanced training or volunteer hours.

The State conference is October 25-27th at Mo Ranch.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Debbie Copeland