

Texas Master Naturalist - Gideon Lincecum Chapter
May 19, 2018 Chapter Meeting
New Ulm Lions Club

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 by Vice President Earl Mills. 33 members were in attendance. Two officers, Earl Mills, Vice President and Linda Esco, Secretary were present.

Cindy Hobbs made a motion to approve the March 24, 2018 minutes. The motion was seconded and passed by vote.

Secretary - Linda Esco reminded everyone to utilize Dropbox to keep project files current. This includes photos.

Treasurer Report - Linda Esco reported the April 30, 2018 balance was \$19, 659.63.

Membership - Linda Esco relayed Chris Morrison's thanks to everyone for being diligent about entering their hours into VMS. Remember each hour reported earns dollars for Texas Parks and Wildlife matching grants.

Two members received their initial certification: David Itz and Jim Riviera. 16 members received their recertification for 2018. Five members reached their 250 hour milestones - David Butler, Terry Rooney, Tom Scanio, Ginny Welch and Charles Winkler. Debbie Copeland was awarded her 500 hour pin. Three members have achieved 1,000 hours - Cindy Hobbs, Carol Paulson and Jim Weatherly.

Project Reports:

Atwater - Terry Rooney: Current work emphasis has been on building pens. There was a recent article about prairie chickens in the Parks and Wildlife Magazine.

Winedale - Dave Redden: Work is progressing on the trail by the Gideon Lincecum monument. Native grass seeds have been spread in the area.

West of the Brazos Contest - B.R. Koehler: Thanks to all who assisted. Approximately 200 FFA and 4H students and teachers participated.

Two aides for Representative Michael McCall visited with the Koehlers. B.R. and Charlene discussed with them the need for native prairie restoration.

Schubert House - Cindy Hobbs: the area has been cleared and cleaned. We have already received accolades for our efforts.

Adopt A Highway - Dave Butler: Seven members participated in the recent clean up collecting 11 bags of trash.

Youth Groups - Donna Mueller: Bite Me or Let Me Bee has been presented at all five counties reaching approximately 2,000 school children.

Washington on the Brazos - Sheri Wilcox: Milkweed has been added to the beds. The park has requested our group create another small bed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Esco
Chapter Secretary