

Texas Master Naturalist - Gidon Lincecum Chapter
August 30, 2018 Board Meeting
Washington County Fairgrounds

Officers in attendance: Betsy Palkowsky, Earl Mills and Linda Esco

Board Members Present: Donna Mueller, Jeb Lapeyrolerie, John Gardner, Dave Reddin, Charlotte Von Rosenberg, Lori Buffum, Tom Shaughnessy, Chris Morrison, Cindy Rodibaugh, Deb Hilton and Kara Matheney.

Members Present: John Gardner, Karen Gardner and Luther Moore.

The meeting was called to order by President Betsy Palkowsky at 10:34.

Kara Matheney introduced Ward Ling. Ward is the new Program Specialist of Water Resource Management and will be in charge of the Mill Creek Watershed project. Ward spoke on water quality issues and indicated three water programs are being planned: Septic Class Maintenance, Creek Clean Up and Rainwater Harvesting. He is also in the process of identifying our chapter's role in the Mill Creek endeavor.

Chris Morrison made a motion to approve the May 4, 2018 board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Betsy proposed the chapter contribute \$1,000 to the Texas Master Naturalist Foundation. A table for ten members at the upcoming Foundation Gala requires a \$2,000 donation. Ten chapter members have already committed \$100 each and the additional \$1,000 donation would complete the table requirement. After discussion, the motion was unanimously approved by the board.

Annual Meeting - a sign up schedule for volunteering in the store will be available beginning in October. Chris Morrison will manage the scheduling. Please send Betsy an e-mail if you are attending the Annual Meeting. Bring any auction donations to the September chapter meeting and remember to enter any contests!

Fundraising - previously Carol Daniels had suggested a day of lectures and possible native plant sale for our 2019 fund raising event. Linda Esco volunteered to take the lead and Kara Matheney, Charlotte Von Rosenberg and Cindy Rodibaugh were added to those already expressing interest in being on the committee. Linda will contact committee members and organize the first group meeting in the near future.

Officer Updates:

Earl Mills - November's Advance Training will be on Fire Safety and Prevention. This session will include a field walk around the Winedale grounds.

Linda Esco - be sure to update project information in the appropriate drop box folder.

Leada Dietz - Betsy updated for Leada. We already have six new training class registrations, five of those have already paid their fees.

New Business/Project Information:

The Seabourne Nature Fest is scheduled for November 3, 2018 and our chapter has been asked by the Coastal Prairie Chapter to participate. Lori Buffum will contact organizers for additional information and volunteer opportunities and post on our website.

4-H Scholarships - Donna Mueller covered the new guidelines for scholarship winners. Printed copies were provided to members.

Stephen F. Austin Nature Center - Tom Shaughnessy addressed the opportunity for our chapter to manage the Nature Center Building at the park. Tom will research further and present a proposal at the next board meeting. A suggestion was made to schedule the November board meeting at the Nature Center Building. Tom will check availability and advise.

Charlotte Von Rosenberg is working with Blinn College to secure the greenhouse for our planting needs as well as developing a timeline for planting.

Earl Mills advised there are additional salvaged picnic tables but they require work. 4 tables have been refurbished with three being used at Winedale and one at Indian Creek. Betsy suggested another table be repaired and placed at Indian Creek.

Tom Shaughnessy advised 53 people have expressed interest in our program through our Outreach events. The New Land Owner Series has been a successful tool in providing information about our program.

A small token of the chapters appreciation for all Dave Redden has done was presented to Dave as he prepares to move to South Carolina.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Esco
Chapter Secretary