

Texas Master Naturalist - Gideon Lincecum Chapter
November 17, 2018 Chapter Meeting
Winedale Historical Complex

President Betsy Palkowsky called the meeting to order at 9:03. 39 members were in attendance.

There was a correction to the September 15, 2018 Chapter Meeting Minutes to correct the misspelling of naturalist in the document title. Chris Morrison made a motion to approve the minutes with this correction. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

President Information:

Betsy Palkowsky shared with the chapter the need to fill the following positions:

- Treasurer for the remaining term ending December 2019
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- Training co-chair for the 2019 training class
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- Indian Creek project leader

Please consider one of these positions and advise Betsy if you are interested.

If you are interested in serving as a chapter officer or filling a board position for the 2020-2021 term please express your interest to Betsy.

Financial Report and 2018 expenditures were in the most recent newsletter.

Dues are due and should be paid before January 1, 2019. You can pay by cash, check or through utilizing the PayPal button on our website.

A state Texas Master Naturalist vehicle license tag has been approved. More information will be forthcoming when available.

Chapter Operating Handbook - Betsy covered several updates. A correction will be made to correct grantee/grantor in the Grants and Donations section. Judy Deaton made a motion to approve the changes with the correction. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Officer Updates:

Vice President Earl Mills discussed the possibility of the January 2019 Advanced Training topic of pasture land. Lori Buffum suggested chapter members sharing a brief overview of their favorite topics and training from the recent Texas Master Naturalist Convention. There was discussion concerning whether this would qualify as advanced training. Earl will research and plan accordingly.

Secretary Linda Esco reminded all project leaders to update their dropbox folders.

Membership - Chris Morrison: Remember you only have 45 days to record your volunteer time on the VMS system. VMS is audited so please be detailed in your description and refrain from

using acronyms. Our chapter has excellent participation with over 2/3 of our membership actively recording volunteer time.

Linda Esco, Marcia Braun, Susan Scanio and Jim Wilson were recognized and awarded their 250 hour pins. There were 12 recertifications for 2018: Cindy Rodibaugh, Lefty Yarnold, David Butler, Mary Ann Butler, Carol Daniels, Leada Dietz, Betsy Palkowsky, Mary Ann Peach, Susan Scanio, Tom Scanio, Ginny Welch and LuAn Yarnold.

Scholarships: 2017 scholarship recipients Kimberly Kunz, Emily Seeker and Reagan Kuck gave short presentations to the chapter.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Esco
Chapter Secretary