

Texas Master Naturalist - Gideon Lincecum Chapter  
January 4, 2019 Board Meeting  
Winedale Historical Complex

Officers present: President Betsy Palkowsky, Incoming Vice President Mark Brown, Secretary Linda Esco, current Treasurer Leada Dietz and incoming Treasurer Pam Green

Board members present: Chris Morrison, Lori Buffum, Jeb Lapeyrolerie, Tom Shaughnessy, Cindy Rodibaugh

Members present: Linda Nations, Jerry Gips

The meeting was called to order by President Betsy Palkowsky at 10:00. Lori Buffum made a motion to approve the November 2, 2018 board minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

The board unanimously approved Mark Brown as incoming Vice President and Pam Green as incoming Treasurer. They will replace Earl Mills and Leada Dietz respectively for the 2019 term.

The topic of upcoming Advanced Training was discussed and topics solicited. Betsy will invite upcoming class participants to the January Chapter meeting,

The treasurer report and 2019 budget was reviewed line by line. Discussed changes included covering registration to the Texas Master Naturalist Annual Meeting for four chapter members, an increase of 2 from past budgets. Also discussed was an increase in scholarship awards from the current \$500 per student to \$1,000 per student. The board approved the revised budget and Betsy will present it at the January chapter meeting.

Additional discussion involved the possibility of awarding two scholarships to the 2020 class of Blinn College students.

Membership fee due notices will be sent to the 49 members who have not yet paid their 2019 dues of \$20.

Training - Jeb Lapeyrolerie reported classes are on track with 18 participants

VMS and Volunteer Reporting - Chris Morrison will research the correct category for the upcoming Stephen F. Austin Park opportunity.

Cindy Rodibaugh advised the board plants had been recently removed from our Fayette County Ag building site. She will write a project proposal and submit for volunteer assistance and possible funding.

Lori Buffum has been contacted by the Coastal Prairie Chapter soliciting our chapter participation in their Science Night activity. After discussion it was agreed it aligns with our chapter mission statement and we will provide assistance.

Outreach - Tom Shaughnessy reported the current list of people expressing interest in our chapter totals 59. The New Land Owner series is the leading resource.

Betsy advised she had been contacted by Washington on the Brazos asking if we would participate in their Market Days activities. She will research the schedule and provide additional information.

Next board meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2019 at the LaGrange Ag Life building.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Esco  
Chapter Secretary