

Texas Master Naturalist - Gideon Lincecum Chapter  
January 19, 2019 Chapter Meeting  
Camp Kubena Ledbetter, Texas

President Betsy Palkowsky called the meeting to order at 9:42. 45 members were in attendance including all officers.

Donna Mueller made a motion to accept the November 17, 2018 minutes without correction. The motion received a second and was approved.

**Chapter Business:**

Betsy extended the thanks of the chapter to Leada Dietz and Earl Mills for their contribution as officers for the 2018 year. The chapter welcomed Mark Brown who will serve as vice president for 2019 and Pam Green who will hold the office of treasurer for 2019.

The Grants and Donations committee has been formed. Mary Ann Butler will chair. Marcia Braun and Jerry Gips will also be committee members.

Ann Ray will take over the lead for the Indian Creek Project.

Washington on the Brazos will have their Independence Day celebration on March 3. Randy Hegemeyer, Earl and Patty Mills and Debra Healy will set up and man our outreach station.

Chris Morrison made a motion to sell our water test kit. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Betsy reminded the chapter it's not too early to start thinking about officers for 2020-2021. If you are interested please let Betsy know. A nomination committee will be set up to recommend a slate of officers.

Request forms are on the website. An example of the various forms include project approval, advanced training approval and grants and donations. Please be sure to submit your request as far in advance as possible to give the respective committee the opportunity to meet and research the request.

Betsy is researching alternatives to Dropbox. She will share information and suggestions at a future meeting.

The 2019 proposed budget was presented to the chapter via e-mail. The chapter was given the opportunity to discuss any aspect of the budget - there was no discussion.

**Officer Updates:**

Mark Brown asked members to send him suggestions for future advanced training sessions.

Leada Dietz advised members the treasurer records had been reviewed and no action was needed. 36 members still have not paid their \$20 dues.

Linda Esco reminded the group that the attendance sign in sheet is printed front and back to conserve paper. Also the sign in sheet is kept as a record so please do not rip or alter the sheet. If your name is not on the sign up sheet please let her know so it can be added.

## **Committee Updates:**

Education: Donna Mueller reminded the group that AG Safety days are coming up. Please check the website for opportunities.

Membership: Chris Morrison reported during 2018, 95 members volunteered 6,605.85 hours and attended 1,161.25 hours of advanced training.

45 members re-certified for 2018, 11 received their 250 hour pins, 3 earned 500 hour silver dragonfly and 3 were awarded their 1,000 hour gold dragonfly pins.

Training: Jeb Lapeyrolerie reported we have 20 members in the upcoming class. Training starts January 28.

Volunteer Service Projects: Cindy Rodibaugh advised the chapter that forms for new project consideration are on the website. This includes Citizen Science Endeavors. Please submit your request for consideration in a timely manner to allow the committee to review.

Lori Buffum made a motion to honor Dave Redden with a lifetime membership. This was unanimously approved by the chapter.

Our next chapter meeting will be March 16, 2019 at the Winedale Historical Complex. A schedule for 2019 meetings is available on the website.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Esco  
Chapter Secretary