

Texas Master Naturalist - Gideon Lincecum Chapter
May 18, 2019 Chapter Meeting
Winedale Historical Complex

Vice President Mark Brown called the meeting to order at 9:33 am. There were 26 members in attendance including two officers: Vice President Mark Brown and Secretary Linda Esco.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the March 16, 2019 Chapter Meeting Minutes without correction. The motion was unanimously approved.

Vice President Mark Brown - the next Advanced Training Program will be July 20, 2019 at the LaGrange AgLife facility. The topic will be Local Birds and will be presented by Gene Luhn. Mary Anne Weber of the Houston Audubon Society will be bringing raptors for presentation.

The Chapter congratulated Mark on his recent Wildlife Conservation Award from the Fayette County Soil & Water Conservation District.

Secretary Linda Esco reviewed guidelines for project communications:

- Be sure to communicate who, what, when, where and how you are going to work on the project
- If you spoke with a contact person, followup in writing to make sure everyone is on the same page
- Always get permission and send reminders of initial and upcoming work to the contact person to avoid conflict with other events at the site
- Try to set regularly scheduled work days and be sure it is on the Chapter calendar

Fund Raiser Activity - be sure to mark your calendars for our "What's a Land Owner to do, A Plan for Your Land" on October 11, 2019 at the Washington County Fairgrounds Events Room.

Charlotte Von Rosenberg made a motion to change the Native Prairie Restoration Committee to the Habitat Identification Committee. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. This will allow the committee to broaden their scope.

Grants Committee - Mary Ann Butler: Mary Pearl Meuth recently sent out information about grant opportunities under the Texas Urban and Rural Conservation Project. Please review and let the grant committee know if you are interested in pursuing a prospective grant.

Mark Brown has arranged for our group to tour the Selah, Bamburger Ranch on September 19, 2019. Annette Holdeman will research the possibility of renting a tour bus.

Membership - Chris Morrison: Congratulations to Don Hinze and Annette Holdeman from our 2018 class. They received their initial certification.

There were 17 recertifications: Marcia Brown, Mark Brown, Lori Buffum, John Gardner, Karen Gardner, Debra Healy, Deb Hinze, Jan Hughes, Julie Its, B.R. Koehler, Chris Morrison, Betsy Palkowsky, Ann Ray, Tom Shaughnessy, Jon Watkins, Jim Wilson and Charles Winkler.

250 Hour Awards go to Leada Dietz, Deb Hinze, Ann Ray and Tom Shaughnessy.

Mary Ann Peach achieved her 500 Hour Award.

Two members, Chris Morrison and Betsy Palkowsky achieved the 1,000 Hour Award.

VMS - Chris Morrison: Chris provided detailed information regarding the VMS system and proper recording of volunteer hours. She will also be e-mailing this information to Chapter Members.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Esco
Chapter Secretary