

Texs Master Naturalist - Gideon Lincecum Chapter
Board Meeting September 5, 2019
Fayette AgriLife Center

Officers present: President Betsy Palkowsky and Secretary Linda Esco

Board Members Present: Donna Mueller, Nita Tiemann, Chris Morrison, Lori Buffum, Cindy Rodibaugh, Tom Shaughnessy, Karen Gardner, John Gardner and Mary Ann Butler

Members Present: Debbie Copeland

The meeting was called to order by President Betsy Palkowsky at 10:00. The May 10, 2019 board meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Betsy Palkowsky:

First Time State Convention Attendee Scholarships - No chapter members applied for the first time attendee scholarship for the upcoming state convention. The allotted money will be left in the budget.

Operating Handbook State Review - There is an bi-annual review of the state template for the operating handbook underway. Our chapter has no suggested changes.

Document Retention - After extensive research into alternatives, Dropbox will continue to be our source for document retention. Our chapter retention guidelines require electronic storage of chapter minutes as well as printed copies. Former chapter secretary Debbie Copeland will provide current secretary Linda Esco with past years printed copies. Linda Esco will arrange for binding of these documents which will be passed on and retained by current chapter secretaries.

Honorary Member Guidelines - We will continue to use state guidelines for honorary chapter members. Nominees for honorary chapter membership should be presented to the board and subsequently to the general membership. Members who leave the chapter can request to continue to receive e-mails and newsletters.

Volunteer Recognition Event - Event date will be Sunday, December 8 from 2:00 until 6:00. A special recognition edition of the Gideon Lincecum Tidings will be created to recognize member accomplishments. Linda Esco will check into securing the New Ulm Lions Club for the event and Betsy Palkowsky will check availability of the Winedale facility.

2020 Board and Chapter Meetings - Betsy asked for discussion about the possibility of chapter board meetings moving to quarterly. The board decision was to continue to meet every other month. Chapter Meeting locations will continue to rotate.

Executive Board Terms - Our executive board terms are two years. The current officers: President Betsy Palkowsky, Vice President Mark Brown, Treasurer Pam Green and Secretary Linda Esco have agreed to continue in their respective positions another two years. There will be a member vote at the November chapter meeting and an opportunity for nominations from the floor.

Committee Reports:

Fund Raiser - Linda Esco reported the fund raiser event is on track. We have secured a sponsor for food costs.

Membership/VMS - Chris Morrison indicated we still do not have pins for the 2019 recertification.

Projects - Cindy Rodibaugh encouraged project leaders to write updates for our newsletter and also to update any major project changes in the project dropbox folder.

Marketing/Outreach - Tom Shaughnessy advised all trifold bags have been restocked with brochures and new sign up interest sheets. Our outreach list is currently close to 100 prospects.

Newsletter - Lori Buffum has identified 10 photos to be provided for the State Convention slide show. She will send them to the board members for review.

Training - Karen Gardner informed the board that 8 people have already registered for the 2020 class.

The next board meeting will be November 1 at the Winedale facility. Our November chapter meeting will be November 16 at the Brenham Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00.

Respectfully Submitted

Linda Esco
Chapter Secretary