

Texas Master Naturalist - Gideon Lincecum Chapter
November 6, 2020 Board Meeting
New Ulm Lions Club Building

Officers Present: President Betsy Palkowsky, Vice President Mark Brown, Secretary Linda Esco and Treasurer Pam Green

Board Members Present: Ken English, Chris Morrison, Cindy Rodibaugh, John Gardner

Chapter Members Present: Nita Tiemann, Lori Hessel, David Hessel, Randy Hegemeyer

Attending via web: Lori Buffum

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 by President Betsy Palkowsky. The September 4, 2020 board meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

President's Update - Betsy Palkowsky:

Information from the November TMN President's Meeting

Annual Meeting Recap:

- Please do not share or reuse recordings - these are for registered attendees only
- Watching recordings post event can be counted as AT
- Recordings will be available until April 2021
- There were 1,171 registered attendees

Virtual Volunteer Fair 2021:

- The virtual volunteer fair was very popular and will be continued
- The virtual fair will expand to all partners in chapter areas who are in need of volunteers
- Proposals will be solidified mid November
- Save the dates: January 26, 27, 28 or February 2,3,4 (tbd)

TMN Tuesdays 2021:

- 2nd Tuesday of the month for Virtual Advanced Training
- Events will be hosted via Webex and will be recorded
- Events will be open to all current TMN members
- Please send topic ideas to Mary Pear and Michelle Haggerty

Return to Service:

- AgriLife rules are 75% capacity of space with a maximum of 50 people
- This applies to both indoor and outdoor gatherings
- Face covering is required when 6 ft distance is not possible
- A list of attendees will be kept by the organization for the site manager

Master Naturalist Project WILD:

- February 2 & 9, 2021 6 until 8pm via ZOOM
- Fee \$35

- 6 total hours of Project Wild Training
- Chapters - need 5 members at each chapter/region before fee is collected and registration confirmed

2020 Against All Odds Pin:

- Pins will be available for members with 8 hours of AT and 1 hour of volunteer service
- Pins will be shipped to chapters in January 2021

General TMN operational and other questions should go to Chapter Officers and Board Members prior to sending to the state level or chapter advisor.

2021 Board and director composition and 2022 changes - if you are transitioning from a current position please start recruiting a replacement. This will allow for training prior to change of office and directors.

Volunteer Appreciation Gathering - Will be held at the January meeting and will include the special edition of *The Tidings*.

Chapter Virtual Project Fair: Jaci Elliot will be working with board members and projects leaders to create an online project/position fair to be given in late January or early February.

Officer Updates:

Vice President - Mark Brown: November's advanced training will be provided by Ducks Unlimited. January's topic will be white tail deer.

Treasurer - Pam Green: The chapter had a November 1, 2020 balance of \$15,320. Budget sheets will be provided to project leaders for 2021 budgeting approvals.

Incoming Treasurer David Hessel: Only 31 members have paid their dues. David will send an e-mail reminder. The following steps will be a post card followed by a phone call.

Director Updates:

Marketing - Ken English: Prospect emails have been sent promoting our upcoming training. 250 magnets have been ordered.

Training - John Gardner: The course will now be 16 weeks long. Tech tools will now be a class topic and will be presented at the second class session. Speakers will be given the opportunity of face to face or web presentations. January 25, 2021 is scheduled for orientation and May 10, 2021 for graduation. 4 field trips have been incorporated into the training schedule with the possibility of more. The idea of "chapter buddies" was discussed and will be presented at the November chapter meeting.

Membership - Chris Morrison: When recording hours for the state meeting please include the name of the session you attended.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Esco
Chapter Secretary