

Texas Master Naturalist - Gideon Lincecum Chapter  
Board Meeting March 5, 2021  
Brenham, Texas

Officers in attendance: President, Secretary and Treasurer

6 Board Members and 3 chapter members attended

The Meeting was called to order at 10:08 by President Betsy Palkowsky.

**President Report - Betsy Palkowsky:**

Betsy welcomed all attending. The January 8, 2021 board meeting minutes were unanimously approved with no corrections.

There was no new information from the President's meeting. TMN Tuesdays will continue. A survey has been sent to Texas Master Naturalists regarding the 2021 Annual Meeting.

The March chapter meeting will be virtual.

**Vice President - Mark Brown/Betsy Palkowsky:** The March program will be on CoCoRaHS. May advanced training topic will be solar power.

**Treasurer - David Hessel:** Ending cash balance as of 2/28/2021 is \$17,454.75. On line banking for the chapter has been set up and includes the capability of printing current statements.

The board reviewed the unpaid chapter dues list. Incentives to encourage early payment of dues were discussed and an end-of-summer campaign was suggested. David will repost the 2021 budget to dropbox.

**Projects:**

**Education/Scholarships - Donna Mueller:** Austin county is planning a live Ag Safety presentation. More information to come. Scholarship applications were presented to the various AgriLife offices at the end of January.

**Communications - Lori Buffum/Jaci Elliott:** A separate area on our chapter website will feature information on projects from past TMN Virtual Volunteer Fairs including contact information.

The recent chapter volunteer fair presentation was successful. The board discussed the possibility of a future presentation.

A reminder that just using apps such as iNaturalist does not qualify for volunteer hours. Volunteer hours are only approved for specific iNaturalist projects that have gone through the chapter committee and met chapter requirements.

**Membership - Chris Morrison:** Our chapter has still not received our "Grit" pins from the state. Google groups is being updated. The chapter will be using a new vendor for ID badges. If a chapter member needs a new pin they should contact Chris.

Chris also reported that the 2021 nominating committee has good prospects for all officer positions.

**Outreach/Marketing - Ken English:** The New Landowner series has been delayed. Chapter literature will be available at the upcoming Washington County AgLife plant sale.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Esco  
Chapter Secretary