

Texas Master Naturalist - Gideon Lincecum Chapter  
Chapter Meeting March 20, 2021  
Virtual Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 by President Betsy Palkowsky. January 23, 2021 chapter meeting minutes were approved as written. There were 43 members logged into the meeting. Officers in attendance were President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

**President Report - Betsy Palkowsky:**

There is no news to report from the state level. TMN Tuesdays will continue with an addition of a "Be The Change" program which will start on April 20, 2021. Dates are on the chapter website.

As of this meeting there is no change to the meeting protocols in place. The next president's meeting is scheduled for March 29, 2021.

**Vice-President - Mark Brown:**

Advanced training topics are:

- May - Bryan Kerr on solar panels
- July - Rebekah Dobrasko from the Texas Department of Transportation
- November - Ducks Unlimited on duck and water fowl habitat

Mark will send out a Google groups notice for participation opportunities for prescribed burns. RSVP will be to Mark.

There will be a zoom meeting of the Native Prairies Association on April 25, 2021.

**Treasurer - David Hessel:**

Ending cash balance as of February 28, 2021 is \$17,400. The 2021 budget has been posted to drop box.

Per board recommendation and approval a \$500 donation will be made to provide snacks and drinks for the Brenham Covid 19 Inoculation Sub Hub.

**Membership - Chris Morrison:**

**Recertifications for 2021:**

Marcia Braun  
Lori Buffum  
Jaci Elliott  
Linda Esco  
Donna Mueller  
Betsy Palkowsky  
Ann Ray  
Dottie Schoeneberg  
Sheri Wilcox

**250 Volunteer Hours:**

Peggy Cadenhead

**500 Volunteer Hours:**

Ann Ray

Congratulations to all recipients!

Recertification pins should be coming in soon. We have not yet received the special GRIT pins for members who logged at least 1 volunteer and 8 AT hours in 2020. Hopefully all pins will be here by the May meeting and will be distributed at that time.

**Presentations via the internet:**

- Interim TMN AT policy - you can get unlimited AT hours via webinar.
- Log them under the opportunity title you would normally use for an in-person presentation. If you are not sure, you may use AT: Webinars.
- For TMN Tuesdays: Use AT:TMN Tuesdays for all these presentations. If you watch the recorded version, log it under the date you actually watched it. Put the date of the original presentation in the describe portion, along with the topic and the presenter.
- For those who were registered for the 2020 TMN Annual Meeting: You may watch any of the recorded sessions until April of this year. Log them under AT:TMN State Meeting Advanced Training and use the date you watched the recording.
- Chris will let us know how to log the new "Be The Change" series from TMN.

Please remember to only include relevant information in the description box.

A new photo directory is being created. Please notify Chris Morrison if you wish to have your photo updated.

Members who have not paid their chapter dues by March 31, 2021 will be dropped from the roster.

**Communications - Lori Buffum:**

The Chapter Memorial Fund is designated to honor former members who are deceased. Funds will be used to assist members attending the state annual meeting. You can make a named donation through our chapter website.

Milestone awards will be celebrated on the website. Please let Chris Morrison, Lori Buffum or Sheri Wilcox know if there are any corrections.

**Outreach/Marketing - Ken English/Betsy Palkowsky:**

Several new contacts were made at the recent New Landowners Meeting.

**Training - John Gardner:**

The first in-person field trip is scheduled for March 27 and will be a drive through at Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge.

The next chapter meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2021. The meeting was adjourned at 11:07.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Esco  
Chapter Secretary