

Texas Master Naturalist - Gideon Lincecum Chapter
Board Meeting Minutes
July 28, 2021
Lions Club Center New Ulm, Texas

Attendance: President, Treasurer, Secretary, 6 Board Members and 2 Chapter Members.

President Betsy Palkowsky called the meeting to order at 9:36.

The May 7, 2021 board meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

President Report - Betsy Palkowsky:

Annual Chapter Dues: September will begin a dues drive. The board unanimously recommended an increase in annual dues to \$25 beginning in the year 2022. This proposal will be presented to the chapter at the September meeting. Members paying the current \$20 annual dues by the September chapter meeting will be eligible for a drawing to be reimbursed the dues fee. One winner will be drawn.

State Annual Meeting - first timer scholarship: Any chapter member who has never attended the state annual meeting can apply for the first timer scholarship. The chapter will reimburse one member \$100 after the event has been attended. If multiple members apply the recipient will be selected from a random drawing.

September Chapter Meeting: This will be an in person meeting on September 18, 2021 at the Winedale Complex.

September Board Meeting: September 3, 2021 at 9:30. This meeting will have a virtual format.

Treasurer Report - David Hessel: June 30, 2021 account balance was \$15,807.80.

Marketing - Ken English: We currently have 46 contacts from various events and our newsletter is sent to each contact.

Communications - Lori Buffum: More chapter member involvement is needed to assist in producing the chapter newsletter. A managing editor is also needed before the end of 2021.

Projects - Jaci Elliott: There is member interest in attending another virtual project fair. Jaci will begin planning the event.

Education - Donna Mueller: Our five counties will have in person award banquets. Donna will send specific information for each event and solicit a chapter member to present our scholarship winners.

Training - Written report presented. Solicitation for a new training director is underway. The board proposed and approved raising the participant cost to \$200 for an individual and \$375 for a couple. Class will be capped at 20 participants. Various training schedules were discussed including extending the class hours to 6 per session and meeting every other Saturday.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:36.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Esco
Chapter Secretary