

Texas Master Naturalist - Gideon Lincecum Chapter
Board Meeting Minutes
September 3, 2021
Virtual Format

Attendance: President, Vice President, Secretary, 5 Board Members and 12 Chapter Members.

President Betsy Palkowsky called the meeting to order at 9:30.

The July 29, 2021 board meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

President Report - Betsy Palkowsky:

Annual Chapter Dues: A dues drive is underway. Members paying their dues by midnight September 18, 2021 will be eligible for the free dues for 2022 drawing.

State Annual Meeting - Event planners are working to ensure participant safety. Volunteers will be solicited at the September chapter meeting for the Media Art and Photo Contest.

September Chapter Meeting: This chapter meeting will be in person at the Winedale Complex and also virtual. COVID guidelines will be enforced.

Vice President - Mark Brown:

September advanced training will be a web presentation by TXDOT on their public education program.

November advanced training presentation will be Ducks Unlimited.

There was discussion regarding the Cat Springs Native Seed Project as well as the opportunity to work with local biologists to transport injured animals to rehab facilities. Mark will discuss these at the September chapter meeting.

Treasurer Report - Betsy Palkowsky:

As of July 31, 2021 we have approximately \$15,000. This amount does not reflect the \$5,000 that will be coming out of our balance for scholarships. Dues are coming in through Pay Pal.

Membership - Chris Morrison: Members are still recording volunteer and advanced training hours.

Communications - Lori Buffum: Betsy Palkowsky will assume the role of Newsletter Editor at the end of September.

Education - Donna Mueller: Chapter representatives presented scholarship awards at the county banquets. Joanna Hagler will assume the role of education director in 2022.

Training - The board welcomed Connie Shortes and Chuck Linton who have assumed the role of training coordinators in 2022 class. Saturday classes and additional field trips are planned.

New Business:

The board agreed a fund raiser project should be planned for 2022. Joanna Hagler, Ken English and Linda Esco will work with AgriLife Agent Kara Matheney to establish the feasibility of presenting an informational seminar.

Next board meeting is planned for November 5, 2021.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:06.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Esco
Chapter Secretary