

Texas Master Naturalist - Gideon Lincecum Chapter
Chapter Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2021
Camp Kubena, Ledbetter, Texas

The meeting was called to order by President Betsy Palkowsky at 11:40. There were 38 members in attendance including President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. The September 18, 2021 chapter meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

President Report - Betsy Palkowsky:

Annual Meeting:

- Recorded sessions are for registered attendees only and are available until April 2022.
- The 2022 Annual Meeting will be held in Houston at the Omni Hotel. No decision yet if the meeting will be a hybrid or in person format.

Service:

- GRIT pins for 2021 require 8 hours of AT and 1 hour of service.
- COVID guidelines remain the same.
- The Next Virtual Volunteer Fair will be the last week of April or the first week of May. Please let Betsy know if have any ideas for organizations that may need volunteer help.

TMN Tuesday:

January 11, 2022 at 12:00. The presentation will be "The State of the TMN Program".

Miscellaneous:

- Agrilife is hiring a support specialist and will restart monthly training soon.
- The State Chapter Management and Operations Protocol document has been updated and distributed. Huge thanks to Chris Morrison and Lori Buffum for their efforts with this project.
- TMN merchandise will be restocked first part of 2022 in the AgriLife Bookstore.
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Vice President - Mark Brown:

The advanced training topic for January is Emergency Preparedness and First Aid with Charles Babb.

Please let incoming Vice President Norbert Dittrich know if you have suggestions for future training topics.

Treasurer - David Hessel:

As of end of October 2021 the chapter bank balance was \$13,641. Please pay your dues! Only half of our membership has paid to date.

2022 budget planning - David will be distributing a one page form to be completed by executive officers and project directors or managers. The forms need to be completed by early December so the 2022 budget can be approved at the January board meeting.

2022-2023 Slate of Officers:

The nomination committee presented the following slate of officers:

President - Sheri Wilcox
Vice President - Norbert Dittrich
Secretary - Patti Brown
Treasurer - David Hessel

Lori Buffum made a motion to accept the slate of officers and Denise Turner seconded the motion. A vote resulted in unanimous approval.

The chapter expressed thanks for their past service to the outgoing officers:

President - Betsy Palkowsky
Vice President - Mark Brown
Secretary - Linda Esco

Education - Donna Mueller:

Lori Buffum is currently taking inventory of our chapter resources for training both adults and youths. Bellville Family Science Night and some Ag Safety events are being planned.

Joanna Hagler will be replacing Donna as Education Director.

Membership - Chris Morrison:

82 members have logged 4,960 volunteer hours and 1,300 AT hours this year.

Members receiving awards:

Initial Certification:

Charles Babb
Connie Shortes

Recertification for 2021:

Norbert Dittrich
John Gardner
Mary-Helen Giles
Randy Hegemeyer
Lori Hessel
Jan Hughes
Jamie Lee Manning
Tim Rackley
Charlie Winker

500 Hours:

Tom Shaughnessy

Adopt A Highway - Mary Ann Butler:

The next event is planned for December 8, 2021. Chris Morrison reminded members that picking up trash along any public road can count as volunteer hours under the adopt a highway project.

Training - Betsy Palkowsky:

Currently 19 have enrolled for the 2022 training class.

Communications - Lori Buffum:

Send submissions for the newsletter to Betsy Palkowsky. A member profile page is being developed for the website. Carol Gaskamp will be assisting with the newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:49.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Esco
Chapter Secretary