

Texas Master Naturalist – Gideon Lindecum Chapter
Board Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2022
Washington County Fairgrounds, Commercial Exhibits Building

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. in the Washington County Commercial Exhibits Building at the Washington County Fair Grounds.

Attending: President Sheri Wilcox, Vice President Norbert Dittrich, Treasurer David Hessel, Marketing Director Ken English, Education Director Joanna Hagler, Secretary Patti Brown, Past President Betsy Palkowsky, Communications Director Lori Buffum, and chapter members Lori Hessel, Nita Tieman, and Charlotte Von Rosenberg.

It was noted that the slate of incoming directors had been approved unanimously by the officers.

Following discussion, Lori Buffum moved to approve the November Board Meeting minutes as corrected. Ken English seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

President Sheri Wilcox reminded the officers and directors to look at the Chapter Management and Operations Protocols (CMOP) and By Laws to review their job responsibilities.

There was no change in COVID Guidelines at this time.

The First Chapter Meeting of 2022 will be January 15 with AT at 9:30 a.m. Chuck Babb will present Emergency Preparedness: WHAT TO DO when first aid is NOT readily available in remote areas. The business meeting will follow, including a Volunteer Appreciation Event. A Powerpoint presentation of 2021 accomplishments will be shared. Lori Buffum and Chris Morrison will present a special edition of the GLC Tidings and a presentation of member certifications and milestones.

Vice President Norbert Dittrich reported on advanced training. The AT committee should be contacted to ensure approval is given for AT proposals. The email address is: tmnglc-at@googlegroups.com. The following AT opportunities are planned for the 2022 chapter meetings:

- January 15 Chuck Babb Emergency Preparedness
- March 19 Debbie Moran- How to Reduce Light Pollution
- May 7 Graduates of the 2022 Volunteer class will make presentations
- July 16 No definitive topic currently
- September 17 Mikayla Killam Wildlife Damage Specialist Texas A&M
AgriLife Extension Service controlling feral hog populations.

Treasurer David Hessel's report was approved, and a copy is included with the minutes.

Marketing Director Ken English announced the rebranding of Fundraising to Landowner Summit. The date for the event will be in the late fall.

The proposed 2022 budget was presented. Education Director Joanna Hagler suggested combining all educational projects into a single budget item. Nita Tieman requested that hospitality be combined into a single budget in lieu of budgets for each event. Chris Morrison moved to approve the proposed 2022 budget. Betsy Palkowsky seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Membership Director Chris Morrison gave her report. VMS has been updated for new Trainees and Members.

Communications Director Lori Buffman made her report. Betsy Palkowsky is the new newsletter editor. Carol Gaskamp will be assisting with member profiles for the newsletter. The Facebook page is going well. Betsy Palkowsky volunteered to help with the website Events Calendar to give Joanna Hagler more time to focus on education.

Volunteer Projects Director Jaci Elliot gave her report.

Education Director Joanna Hagler gave her report and shared the direction for Education goals this year. Joanna will be working to develop training for existing educational programs and developing new educational programs.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am

Respectfully Submitted

Patti Brown

Secretary

Gideon Linsecum Financial Statements
Current Budget vs Actual - 2021
1/1/2021 through 12/31/2021

Cash Balance as of 01/01/21 **\$ 18,044.41**

Category	12/31/2021 Actual	- Budget	12/31/2021 Difference
Income			
Income:Dues	2,505.00	2,430.00	75.00
Income:Fundraiser	225.00	0.00	225.00
Income:Training Class Income	2,975.00	2,900.00	75.00
Other Income	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Total Income	5,705.00	5,430.00	275.00

EXPENSES

Project Expenses			
Project Expenses:Adopt a Highway	0.00	14.00	14.00
Project Expenses:Ag Safety Day	0.00	250.00	250.00
Project Expenses:Attwater	0.00	0.00	0.00
Project Expenses:BISD Outdoor Education	0.00	100.00	100.00
Project Expenses:Indian Creek	93.91	300.00	206.09
Project Expenses:La Grange Agrilife Building	124.93	300.00	175.07
Project Expenses:Monument Hill	0.00	0.00	0.00
Project Expenses:Scholarships-Youth	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
Project Expenses:Schubert	0.00	250.00	250.00
Project Expenses:Science-STEM Nights	0.00	150.00	150.00
Project Expenses:SFA State Park	0.00	100.00	100.00
Project Expenses:Washington on the Brazos	0.00	0.00	0.00
Project Expenses:Winedale	785.92	0.00	-785.92
Other Project Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Project Expenses	6,004.76	6,464.00	459.24

General Expenses

General Expenses:Administrative Expenses	663.69	750.00	86.31
General Expenses:Communications-Newsletter	277.52	150.00	-127.52
General Expenses:Hospitality	0.00	300.00	300.00
General Expenses:Marketing	92.98	550.00	457.02
General Expenses:Membership	40.00	150.00	110.00
General Expenses:Memorial Scholarship Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
General Expenses:Presidents Fund	500.00	400.00	-100.00
General Expenses:Program Expense	100.00	300.00	200.00
General Expenses:Training	1,127.82	2,365.00	1,237.18
Other General Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total General Expenses	2,802.01	4,965.00	2,162.99

Total Expenses 8,806.77 11,429.00 2,622.23

Net Cash Flow **\$ (3,101.77)**

Cash Balance 12/31/21 **\$ 14,942.64**