

**Gideon Lincecum Chapter Texas Master Naturalist
Chapter Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2022
Rankin Agricultural Complex Blinn College Brenham, Texas**

AT training was given before the Chapter meeting from 9:30 – 10:45 by member Chuck Babb on Emergency Preparedness and First Aid in Rural Communities.

President Sheri Wilcox - Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by President Sheri Wilcox. There were 38 members in attendance including President (Sheri Wilcox), Vice President (Norbert Dittrich), Treasurer (David Hessel), and Secretary (Patti Brown). The November 20, 2021 chapter meeting minutes were read with the motion to approve given by Denise Turner and unanimously approved.

Treasurer David Hessel - 2022 Budget

The proposed budget was presented to the membership. A copy is enclosed with the minutes. The total expenses are \$11,701.00 with an anticipated cash balance of \$13,129.14 at the end of the year 12/31/2022. Stem nights, Agriculture Safety Days, and BISD have been combined in the proposed budget.

David requested that those giving charitable donations fill out expense reports to know what the actual expenses are. Chris Morrison moved to pass the budget and it was approved.

Director Reports

Membership - Chris Morrison

Membership Report is included with the minutes.

Training Class - Connie Shortes and Chuck Linton

Saturday, January 22, 2022 will be the first class for the 2022 trainees. There are 15 new volunteers in the class.

Education - Joanna Hagler

Joanna proposed new goals for the education programing with the idea of more organized usage and slower progress into new schools. There is at present no BISD outdoor program. Please contact Joanna if you are interested in a particular school in Brenham or surrounding schools that you would help initiate and oversee programing.

Marketing - Ken English

Thanked member/volunteers for recruiting potential members through the presentations at various events. In the year of 2021 there were 12 activities with recruiting programs resulting in 89 potential people showing interest. Of that number, 12 are now new trainees for the 2022 class.

Ken offered future opportunities to volunteer to man the recruitment tables. He will notify members through emails of the of future dates.

The Landowner Summit (new title for the scholarship event) has a potential date between September 15-October 15, 2022. Donations and sponsorships are encouraged. Ken will be available to make the ask if he has the needed information from members.

Volunteer Service Projects - Jaci Elliot

Several members will present their projects to the new class trainees: Mary Ann Butler – Adopt-a-Highway, Linda Esco - Bingo Education, Ann Ray - Indian Creek Nature Center, and Karen Mahoney Woods - Monument Hill.

Communications - Lori Buffum

Check the local chapter website for volunteer opportunities or contact the people directing them. Chapter Facebook group needs to have people share their photos of what and where they are volunteering.

Betsy Palkowsky will be directing the newsletter and would like any tidbits, jokes, highlights or captions of what you would like to share with others. Deadline is January 31, 2022. Volunteer hours are given for submitting.

Carol Gaskamp is helping Betsy compile the Newsletter information.

Vice President Nobert Dittrich

Reported on the AT opportunities in the next 2 Chapter meetings

March 19 Debbie Moran- How to Reduce Light Pollution in our Skies

May 7 Members of the 2022 Volunteer class will make Presentations

Project reports

Fayette County Agrilife Building - Project Leader Cindy Rodibaugh

The project is located outside the Fayette County AgriLife Building. The next opportunity will be Tuesday, January 18, 2022 consisting of cleaning the beds and cutting back growth. This will be an opportunity to work with the Master Gardeners of the Fayette County area.

Indian Creek Nature Area - Project Leader Ann Ray

The Indian Creek project is behind the Cotton Gin in Burton. The next workday is January 20, 2022 to cut back more invasive plants and trees and add to existing burn piles.

New Business

Chuck Babb recommended that the project leaders identify a person on each crew who might have First Aid training, a first aid kit, and telephone.

Question asked why bees were entering houses of members who do not have or monitor hives; answer given they are seeking food and water due to lack of these in the wild.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:06

After the meeting a volunteer appreciation was given with a power point presentation of many of the special events and activities of 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Brown
Chapter Secretary

Gideon Lincecum Financial Statements

**Budget
2022**

Cash Balance as of 01/01/22 \$ 14,942.64

Category	2022 Budget	12/31/2021 Actual	2021 Budget	12/31/2021 Difference
Income				
Income:Dues	3,038 (A)	2,505.00	2,430.00	75.00
Income:Fundraiser (net)	2,500 (C)	225.00	0.00	225.00 misc donations
Income:Training Class Income	4,350 (B)	2,975.00	2,900.00	75.00
Other Income		0.00	100.00	-100.00
Total Income	9,888	5,705.00	5,430.00	275.00

EXPENSES

Project Expenses				
Project Expenses:Adopt a Highway	36	0.00	14.00	14.00
Project Expenses:Ag Safety Day	(E)	0.00	250.00	250.00
Project Expenses:Attwater	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Project Expenses:BISD Outdoor Education	(E)	0.00	100.00	100.00
Project Expenses:Indian Creek	300	93.91	300.00	206.09
Project Expenses:La Grange Agrilife Building	150	124.93	300.00	175.07
Project Expenses:Monument Hill		0.00	0.00	0.00
Project Expenses: Native Grass Seed	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Project Expenses:Scholarships-Youth	5,000	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
Project Expenses:Schubert	250	0.00	250.00	250.00
Project Expenses:Science-STEM Nights	(E)	0.00	150.00	150.00
Project Expenses:SFA State Park	(3)	0.00	100.00	100.00
Project Expenses:Washington on the Brazos	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Project Expenses:Winedale	(2)	785.92	0.00	-785.92
Other Project Expenses		0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Project Expenses	5,736	6,004.76	6,464.00	459.24

General Expenses				
General Expenses:Administrative Expenses	750 (D)	663.69	750.00	86.31
General Expenses:Communications-Newsletter	300	277.52	150.00	-127.52
General Expenses: Education	650 (E)	277.52	150.00	-127.52
General Expenses:Hospitality	750	0.00	300.00	300.00
General Expenses:Marketing	250	92.98	550.00	457.02
General Expenses:Membership	100	40.00	150.00	110.00
General Expenses:Memorial Scholarship Fund	(1)	0.00	0.00	0.00
General Expenses:Presidents Fund	500	500.00	400.00	-100.00
General Expenses:Program Expense	300	100.00	300.00	200.00
General Expenses:Training	2,365	1,127.82	2,365.00	1,237.18
Other General Expenses		0.00	0.00	0.00
Total General Expenses	5,965	3,079.53	5,115.00	2,035.47

Total Expenses 11,701 9,084.29 11,579.00 2,494.71

Net Cash Flow \$ (1,814) \$ (3,379.29)

Estimated Cash Balance 12/31/22 \$ 13,129.14

Cash Balance Includes the Following Amounts Designated for Specific Projects

- Designated Fund-\$330 for State TMN Meeting First Time Attendee
- Designated Fund-\$2331 for Winedale (\$2926-595 used in 2021)
- Designated Fund-\$237 for SFA

Budget Assumptions

- Dues-135 members @ \$25 with 90% renewal
- 18 new members @\$200; 2 couples @ \$375
- Budgeted Fundraising Income- \$4700; Expense \$2200
- Administrative Expenses include PayPal Fees, Drop Box and Postage
- Education Expenses for all projects(i.e. Ag Safety, STEM Night, BISD) have been combined into one budget item.

Membership Report – Gideon Lincecum Chapter
January 15, 2022
Chris Morrison

Since the Nov. 20, 2021 meeting:

Initial Certification – Green Dragonfly Pin and Certificate (40 volunteer & 8 AT hours since graduation)
Clay Kartye, class of 2021

Recertification for 2021 – Side Oats Grama pin

Barbara Boucher

Steve Capan

Karen Gardner

Ellis Giles

Chuck Linton (Double certification. Earned Initial Certification in July, 2021)

Jennifer Prihoda

Terry Rooney

Susan Scanio

Tom Shaughnessy

Denise Turner

Susan Vanderworth

Jim Wilson

1,000 Hours - All-time – Brushed Gold Dragonfly
Sheri Wilcox

In 2021 – A Recap

- 76 volunteers entered hours
- 5624 volunteer hours entered
- 1420.5 AT hours entered
- 53 opportunities (19 AT and 34 Volunteer)
- 7 opportunities had no hours posted (3 AT and 4 Volunteer)

We received a good report from the state audit of our VMS entries.