

Texas Master Naturalist Gideon Lincecum Chapter
Board Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2022 Winedale Educational Building

President Sheri Wilcox- Welcome

President Sheri Wilcox called the meeting to order at 9:33. There were 9 members present: President, Sheri Wilcox; Vice President, Norbert Dittrich; Treasurer, David Hessel; Past President, Betsy Palkowsky; Membership Director, Chris Morrison; Marketing Director, Ken English; Volunteer Projects Director, Jaci Elliott; Education Director, Joanna Hagler; and Secretary, Patti Brown.

The minutes were amended to add names and titles to the past board minutes and to add the list of directors by name. Chris Morrison reminded the board that all officers and directors should read the COH (Chapter Operations Handbook).

Chris Morrison moved to accept these changes and Betsy Palkowsky seconded the motion.

Sheri Wilcox gave her President's Report:

Kara Matheney (County Extension agent with Texas A. and M. Agrilife) asked that diversity form reports be submitted after each board, chapter, committee, and training meetings because Agrilife receives funding from the state based on this information. There was a discussion that we add ethnicity to the sign-in sheets and to the recruitment forms as well. Impact data will be gathered from Board meetings, chapter and training meetings.

Chris Morrison and Ken English will manage inputting the forms.

Be the Change Workshop is April 6th 2022.

It is a 3-hour workshop based on diversity and what each chapter is doing to develop diversity in their respective chapter.

Betsy shared there was been a study of our chapter (encompassing a 5-county area) and 85% of our constituency is Caucasian, and most of our diversity is in the classrooms we visit. Sheri added that we do impact to all groups by our educational programs.

Virtual Volunteer Fair May 4th.

Ken English shared our need to identify the information we want people to know about and be prepared to share at the Fair.

SAVE THE DATE - October 20th – 23rd

Omni Galleria, Houston for the Annual State Meeting of Texas Master Naturalist. The 5 districts of Houston will be asked to host some field trip sessions. Due to the closest volunteer opportunity being over an hour away there was a discussion of possibly providing transportation.

TEACHING THE PRAIRIE - May 28, 2022

This is a once a year workshop to instruct participants to return to their members and share with them. The workshop will be held in the Deer Park Prairie led by Della Barbato. 5-6 people are

needed from our chapter to receive training and bring it back to our GL chapter. NPAT will donate equipment that may then be used by our chapter after the workshop.

In September (Date TBD) there will be more formal training. **October 1st or 8th**, there will be a field session. On **November 3rd** there will be the virtual session. This provides a good opportunity to use the equipment and information for classrooms and new member outreach classes.

NORBERT DITTRICH - Vice President

There is a possible riparian restoration AT opportunity **April 16,2022**. An email will be sent to members with the details at a future date. There was discussion to remind members that emails for AT would be sent but to respond only to Norbert and not to everyone on the original email. A reminder was given that all events are listed on the Chapter calendar each month.

CHRIS MORRISON - Membership Director

The training class has 4 people who have begun their volunteer service and/ or participated in AT Hours.

Three Members have already completed recertification for 2022.

DAVID HESSEL - Treasurer

David reported we had good response after the January Board meeting with members who have not paid their dues for this year. (2022) The following members have decided to not continue membership at this time or were unable to be reached.

Judy Flynn; Kathy Forrest; Ellen Hardin; Steve Jackson; Madeline Johnson; Rory Johnston; Nora Knowles; Charlotte Leissner; Margaret Lisle; Mary Jane Moore; Mary Ann and Ron Peach; John and Toni Platt; Mike Schumann and Lynn Showers.

Any unpaid Members have until **March 31, 2022** to pay the 2022 dues before they will be dropped from membership.

There was a proposal to refund the dues and membership fees to the three people in the new volunteer class who needed to drop out of the 2022 class.

Betsy recommended retrieving the \$500.00 given by our chapter to the Covid Vaccination Program of Washington County that was not needed.

There is a copy of the financial statement included with the minutes.

KEN ENGLISH - Marketing

The Current recruitment efforts:

Washington on the Brazos Independence Day celebration reported over 1000 people attending on *February 26*. Ken spoke with 3 possible prospects for the new class next year.

Washington County had their wildlife dinner on March 4 and the information boards were set up and manned during the event.

The new Landowners series is March 18 in Fayetteville.

The Honey Bee Festival is May 7,2022 in New Ulm. The decision was made to hand out magnets instead of business cards or pamphlets.

The Landowners Summit will be held *November 7, 2022* at the Washington County Fairgrounds. Washington County Tractor is potentially helping provide information which might help new owners to understand what equipment they might need on their property. There is the possibility of actual equipment being displayed at the Summit.

LORI BUFFUM - Communications

Lori shared the GLC calendar is updated and a good resource for information.

Betsy reminded the board members that the deadline for submitting for the Newsletter is March 31, 2022.

CONNIE SHORTES - Training

There are 14 trainees and they have attended 3 classes and several field trips.

The volunteers are asked to give individual presentations lasting 10 minutes at the graduation ceremony.

JACI ELLIOTT - Volunteers

The proposal was made that there exists ½ an acre in Fayetteville that could be developed into a park. This would necessitate another volunteer to spearhead this project.

MARY ANN BUTLER - Adopt a Highway

March 16, 2022 8-11 a.m. will be the next workday for Ruttersville, and this works best with 6-8 volunteers.

There is a need for Adopt a Highway in Schulenberg. Mary Ann Proposed doing a presentation at a Chapter meeting, possibly in May.

JOANNA HAGLER - Education

The Education committee has started with Lori Buffum and Linda Esco. Joanna, Sheri Wilcox, and Tom Shaughnessy met with the new ranger working at Stephen F. Austin to discuss starting a program there. Joann suggests looking to friend groups who are searching for ways to spend their money and encourage projects.

Scholarship recipients will be picked later from the 5 counties that make up the Chapter.

April 5 2022 will be Agricultural Safety Day in Fayette County with others following.

Ken asked for a one-page scholarship history in order to present to potential sponsors.

President Sheri Wilcox adjourned the Board meeting at 11:47 AM.

Notes Compiled by Patti Brown

Patti Brown
Secretary

Gideon Lincecum Financial Statements
 Current Budget vs Actual 2022
 1/1/2022 through 2/28/2022

3/2/22 (5)

Cash Balance as of 01/01/22 -14,942.64

Category	2/28/2022 Actual	Annual Budget	Over/ (Under) Budget
Income			
Income:Dues	525.00	3,038.00	-2,513
Income:Fundraiser	1,407.82	2,500.00	-1,092.18
Income:Training Class Income	200.00	4,350.00	-4,150
Other Income	0.00	0.00	0
Total Income	2,132.82	9,888.00	-7,755.18
EXPENSES			
Project Expenses			
Project Expenses:Adopt a Highway	27.24	36.00	-8.76
Project Expenses:Ag Safety Day	0.00	0.00	0
Project Expenses:Attwater	0.00	0.00	0
Project Expenses:BISD Outdoor Education	0.00	0.00	0
Project Expenses:Indian Creek	0.00	300.00	-300
Project Expenses:La Grange Agrilife Building	0.00	150.00	-150
Project Expenses:Monument Hill	0.00	0.00	0
Project Expenses:Scholarships-Youth	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000
Project Expenses:Schubert	0.00	250.00	-250
Project Expenses:Science-STEM Nights	0.00	0.00	0
Project Expenses:SFA State Park	0.00	0.00	0
Project Expenses:Washington on the Brazos	0.00	0.00	0
Project Expenses:Winedale	0.00	0.00	0
Other Project Expenses	0.00	0.00	0
Total Project Expenses	27.24	5,736.00	-5,708.76
General Expenses			
General Expenses:Administrative Expenses	20.99	750.00	-729.01
General Expenses:Communications-Newsletter	0.00	300.00	-300
General Expenses:Education Expense	0.00	650.00	-650
General Expenses:Hospitality	0.00	750.00	-750
General Expenses:Marketing	0.00	250.00	-250
General Expenses:Membership	0.00	100.00	-100
General Expenses:Memorial Scholarship Fund	0.00	0.00	0
General Expenses:Presidents Fund	0.00	500.00	-500
General Expenses:Program Expense	0.00	300.00	-300
General Expenses:Training	0.00	2,365.00	-2,365
Total General Expense	20.99	5,965.00	-5,944.01
Total Expenses	48.23	11,701.00	-11,652.77
Net Cash Flow	2,084.59		
Cash Balance 02/28/2022	17,027.23		

(A) 3/2/22
 Betty/Mary Helen =>
 \$8.00 + \$388 -
 Revenue
 (B) 3/2/22
 Tick in budget
 (C) 3/2/22
 Exp report
 Low Budget
 (D)
 (2) refund vs
 (E)
 Dues status
 report

3/2/22