

***Texas Master Naturalist Gideon Lincecum Chapter
Chapter Meeting Minutes May 21, 2022
Winedale Educational Center***

PRESIDENT SHERI WILCOX – WELCOME

There were 38 members present including President Sheri Wilcox, Vice President Norbert Dittrich, and Secretary Patti Brown.

President Sheri Wilcox called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. Jon Watkins moved to accept the minutes as read and Carol Gaskamp seconded with the minutes unanimously approved by the members.

PRESIDENT REPORT – Sheri Wilcox

The TMN Annual Meeting is October 20-23 at the Houston Omni Riverway Hotel. The deadline to submit a presentation proposal is May 31, 2022. Chapters surrounding Houston have been asked to help with field sessions. GLC will be hosting the Photo, Art, and Newsletter Contest. The current plan is for the conference to be fully in-person.

TREASURER REPORT – David Hessel

David was not present and will give a full report at the July 16th meeting.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT – Norbert Dittrich

Our next meeting will be July 16th at the Blinn College Rankin Agricultural Complex, 1403 Old Mill Creek Road, Brenham, Texas.

Future chapter AT opportunities are:

- * July 16 Wildlife Prairies and Grasslands Pat Merkord
- * Sept. 17 Controlling feral hog populations Mikayla Killiam

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Chris Morrison

The Membership Report is attached to these minutes. The 2021 GRIT pins were distributed to those members earning them last year. Chris reminded members to be aware of the 45-day deadline for submitting time to VMS.

EDUCATION REPORT – Joanna Hagler

Joanna discussed the educational programs in Lee County, including the upcoming in-school field session at Giddings ISD. Joanna also reported that 1,000 students in 4 counties have been served by our Ag Safety Day presentations.

MARKETING REPORT – Ken English

The chapter hosted successful informational booths at the Cotton Gin Festival and the Honey Bee Jubilee. Including native plant information in addition to recruiting information has drawn more interest from event participants.

There will be a recruiting opportunity at the New Landowner Pond Management program on May 20, 2022.

Plans are underway for the Landowner Summit, which will be held November 4, 2022. This event will raise funds to support our scholarship program.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE PROJECTS REPORT – Jaci Elliott

No new updates.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT – Lori Buffum

Lori Buffum was not in attendance. Betsy Palkowsky reminded the chapter that the information for the newsletter would be due by the 1st Friday of each month to replace the last day of the month. The deadlines are for those months we do not have meetings.

PROJECT LEADER REPORTS

There were no reports at this time.

President Sheri Wilcox adjourned the business portion of the chapter meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Patti Brown, Secretary