

**Texas Master Naturalists – Gideon Lindecum Chapter
Board Meeting April 29, 2022
Winedale Historical Complex**

The meeting was called to order at 9:31.

There was a quorum, with 9 board members attending: President (Sheri Wilcox); Vice President (Norbert Dittrich); Past President (Betsy Palkowsky); Membership Director (Chris Morrison); Marketing Director (Ken English); Communications Director (Lori Buffum); Education Director (Joanna Hagler). One chapter member, Hospitality Committee Chair Nita Tiemann, also attended.

President's report – Sheri Wilcox:

The virtual volunteer fair was a success with future volunteer opportunities offered from all over the State.

The TMN Annual Meeting will be October 20-23,2022 in Houston at the Galleria Omni Hotel. The GLC chapter will be hosting the Photo contest, which will be online and open to all TMN members.

The volunteer recognition event will be December 11th.

The May 21st chapter meeting will include a potluck meal after the graduation ceremony.

Vice President's report – Norbert Dittrich:

Upcoming AT programs were summarized for the board.

Treasurer's report – David Hessel:

The chapter's 2021 Form 990 has been filed with the Internal Revenue Service.

Membership report – Chris Morrison:

The new membership roster has been sent to all chapter members.

Chris reminded the board that impact data should be completed after chapter or volunteer events.

Marketing report – Ken English:

We have 41 prospects for the 2023 class. The Burton Cotton Gin Festival was a success. Upcoming events include the Honey Bee Jubilee and New Landowner programs. Planning for the Landowner Summit is underway.

Communication report – Lori Buffum:

Articles for the newsletter and photos for our Facebook page are needed. The newsletter deadline will be the first Friday of even months.

Education report – Joanna Hagler:

Four of the 2022 scholarship recipients will be presenting at the July chapter meeting.

Frank Michel and Jon Watkins are working to coordinate their pelts and skulls materials. A training for these materials will be scheduled.

An Education Committee will be created to assist in developing new educational programs.

Our chapter will participate in a wildlife field day for Giddings ISD 4th grade. This is our first opportunity to present in Giddings.

Our chapter will be collaborating with the Native Prairies Association of Texas – Fayette Chapter to develop Teaching the Prairies activities.

There being no additional business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patti Brown
Secretary