

**TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST GIDEON LINCECUM
CHAPTER BOARD MEETING
WINEDALE EDUCATION CENTER
AUGUST 25, 2023**

Sheri Wilcox President called the Meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Those members present were President Sheri Wilcox; Treasurer David Hessel; Secretary Patti Brown; Past President Betsy Palkowsky; Marketing Director Ken English; Communications Director Lori Buffum; and Membership Director Chris Morrison.

Due to there not being a quorum at the June board meeting there are no official minutes to approve.

An ad hoc strategic review committee was created with the following members: Sheri Wilcox, Betsy Palkowsky, Denise Turner, Marvelyn Granger, Ken English, and Lori Buffum.

David Hessel gave the treasurer's report and a copy is included with the minutes. Candidates for the treasurer's position were discussed. The decision was made to keep chapter dues at \$25.00 for 2024.

DIRECTOR REPORTS:

MARKETING - KEN ENGLISH

Ken reported that he had attended two programs honoring scholarship recipients.

We have a number of recruiting opportunities coming up over the next few months. Ken will be seeking volunteers to attend these events.

COMMUNICATIONS - LORI BUFFUM

Carol Gaskamp is our new newsletter editor. The index of newsletter articles is now available on the website.

MEMBERSHIP – CHRIS MORRISON

Please update your personal information on the VMS site. Chris noted that the limit on webinars has been eliminated, so the VMS opportunity AT:Webinars will be eliminated.

EDUCATION - KAREN GARDNER

Karen submitted a written report. The Education Expo was a success. The members who attended all enjoyed the hands-on activities showcased. One recommendation was to find a larger facility to facilitate more demonstrations at a time. It was suggested that this be an annual event and held in the summer when there aren't as many outside conflicts.

TRAINING - CONNIE SHORTES

Sheri Wilcox reported that Connie would be returning as training director to lead the 2024 class. Registration is open for the 2024 class. The training committee plans to continue adding more interactive activities to the training sessions.

VOLUNTEER PROJECTS - JACI ELLIOT

Sheri Wilcox reported that CJ Claverie and Carey Soderstrom will be the project leaders for the Winedale project.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am

Minutes respectfully submitted by Patti Brown Secretary

Gideon Lincecum Financial Statements (Unaudited)
 Current Budget vs Actual 2023 - Year to Date
 1/1/2023 through 7/31/2023 Using 2023 Budget

Cash Balance 01/01/23 **\$ 13,274.22**

Category	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income			
Income:Dues	1,100.00	2,500.00	-1,400.00
Income:Fundraiser	4,056.13	2,500.00	1,556.13
Income:Training Class Income	775.00	2,400.00	-1,625.00
Other Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income	5,931.13	7,400.00	-1,468.87

EXPENSES

Project Expenses			
Project Expenses:Adopt a Highway	0.00	25.00	25.00
Project Expenses:Ag Safety Day	0.00	0.00	0.00
Project Expenses:Attwater	0.00	0.00	0.00
Project Expenses:BISD Outdoor Education	0.00	200.00	200.00
Project Expenses:Indian Creek	0.00	500.00	500.00
Project Expenses:La Grange Agrilife Building	0.00	100.00	100.00
Project Expenses:Monument Hill	0.00	0.00	0.00
Project Expenses:Scholarships-Youth	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Project Expenses:Schubert	0.00	250.00	250.00
Project Expenses:Science-STEM Nights	0.00	0.00	0.00
Project Expenses:SFA State Park	0.00	0.00	0.00
Project Expenses:Washington on the Brazos	0.00	100.00	100.00
Project Expenses:Winedale	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Project Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Project Expenses	0.00	3,675.00	3,675.00

General Expenses

General Expenses:Administrative Expenses	478.78	750.00	271.22
General Expenses:Communications-Newsletter	0.00	300.00	300.00
General Expenses:Education Expense	1,857.41	1,000.00	-857.41
General Expenses:Hospitality	329.94	1,000.00	670.06
General Expenses:Marketing	0.00	250.00	250.00
General Expenses:Membership	0.00	100.00	100.00
General Expenses:Memorial Scholarship Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
General Expenses:Presidents Fund	0.00	500.00	500.00
General Expenses:Program Expense	0.00	300.00	300.00
General Expenses:Training	1,139.57	2,365.00	1,225.43
Other General Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total General Expenses	3,805.70	6,565.00	2,759.30

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Net Cash Flow/(Deficit) \$ 2,125.43 \$ (2,840.00)

Cash Balance as of 07/31/23 **\$ 15,399.65**

Brenham National Bank	\$ 15,305.09
PayPal	94.56
	\$ 15,399.65