

**Gideon Lincecum Chapter Texas Master Naturalist
Chapter Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2024
Kenjura Tile Training Center
Brenham**

The meeting began at 9:35 AM with Advanced Training from Corey Rich who gave a presentation titled "Photographing the Birds, Bees and Other Stuff". Chapter member Wanda Anglin from the Class of 2024 then gave a presentation, "Call to Action, Species of Greatest Conservation Need" covering several species from the GLC chapter area.

The chapter meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM by Sheri Wilcox, president. There were 34 chapter members present and 1 guest. Board members attending were Sheri Wilcox, Lori Buffum, Karen Dean, Ken English, Chris Morrison, Swee-Leng Rapatz and Betty Scardino.

Minutes for the January 20, 2024 chapter meeting were approved as distributed.

President's report: Sheri Wilcox reported that a Texas Waters Specialists team was formed in TMN-GLC. They met for the first time in February. Focus includes water quality testing and riparian assessment, impaired watersheds and other water related projects as developed by the team. She also discussed the upcoming April Eclipse.

Vice President's report: Swee-Leng asked that any suggestions for new AT opportunities continue to be forwarded to her. The presentation at the May meeting will be "Lone Star Healthy Streams".

Treasurer's report: The current financial statement and proposed 2024 Budget was presented by Karen Dean. A motion was made by Trey Granger to approve the 2024 proposed budget, the motion was seconded by Donna Mueller. The motion was approved unanimously. Karen also gave a short tutorial on expense reimbursement. It is important to fill out a form even if reimbursement is not being requested so chapter expenditures can be tracked accurately. There is a check box that can be ticked if reimbursement is not requested and the expenditure is considered a donation.

Membership report: Chris Morrison reported that 5 chapter members were re-certified since the last meeting. B.R. Koehler, Charlene Koehler, Betsy Palkowsky, Swee-Leng Rapatz and Sheri Wilcox.

Additionally, 2 members reached milestones.

Frank Michel – 250 All-time hours

Linda Esco – 1000 All-time hours

Marketing report: Ken English reported on the many volunteer opportunities available for outreach events the chapter will be participating in. Requests for volunteers will be sent out as required. These will also be listed on the calendar which can be accessed on the website.

Communications Report: Lori Buffum reminded us to continue to post to the chapter Facebook page which is public. Only approved chapter members can post to the group. Lori is the administrator. Carol Gaskamp thanked the chapter members for their continued contributions to the TMN-GLC newsletter.

Education Report: Karen Gardner was not able to be present but provided information to Sheri regarding the extremely busy spring education events schedule. Requests for volunteers will be sent by email and will also be posted on the website. Great progress has been made to reach more groups in the five county area. The Education Team continues the work to develop and improve the team offerings and materials.

Training Class report: The 2024 training class is progressing wonderfully. Monday night Zoom sessions are available to all chapter members and will count as AT if watched live. Chapter member attendance for field trip sessions will be available as space allows. Graduation for the 2024 class will be held at the May meeting.

New Business: No new business.

The Meeting was adjourned at 12:27 PM.

Submitted by Betty Scardino
TMN-GLC Secretary