

**Gideon Lincecum Chapter Texas Master Naturalist
Chapter Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2024
Fayette County Ag Building
LaGrange, TX**

The meeting began at 9:35 AM with Advanced Training given by Leanne Wiley, whose presentation covered the Lone Star Healthy Streams program.

The chapter business meeting was called to order at 11:10 AM by Sheri Wilcox, president. There were 40 chapter members present. Board members attending were Sheri Wilcox, Lori Buffum, Karen Dean, Jaci Elliott, Karen Gardner, Chris Morrison, Connie Shortes and Betty Scardino.

Minutes for the March 16, 2024 chapter meeting were accepted as distributed.

President's report: Sheri Wilcox remembered 2 chapter members who recently passed away; Janet Jarrell and Ginny Welch.

Treasurer's report: The current financial statement for March 1st to May 17th was presented by Karen Dean. She also asked members to continue to fill out a form for donations even if reimbursement is not being requested so chapter expenditures can be tracked accurately. There is a check box that can be ticked on the form if reimbursement is not requested and the expenditure is considered a donation.

Projects report: Sheri Wilcox and Wanda Anglin reported on the activities of the Texas Waters Group. Chuck Babb and Judith Deaton reported on the bat monitoring project that is in progress.

Membership report: Chris Morrison reported that 15 chapter members were re-certified since the last meeting and 5 members completed initial certification.

Additionally, 3 members reached milestones.

Susan Vanderworth – 250 All-time hours

Debra Healy and Swee-Leng Rapatz – 500 hours

Karen Gardner – 1000 hours

Marketing report: Sheri reported for Ken English on the many volunteer opportunities available at outreach events. 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 reported that going forward she will be assisted by Nancy Dunnahoe in maintaining the chapter website. She also mentioned how active the group has

been on the chapter Facebook page. Carol Gaskamp asked Sheri to remind chapter members that articles for the newsletter are due on June 1.

Education Report: Karen Gardner reported that the education team volunteers were very busy participating in spring education events. These included school field trips, county AG safety days and individuals making presentations to community groups. The Education Team has developed a beak adaptation activity and is working on a Dark Sky citizen science activity.

Training Class report: Connie Shortes recognized the members of the training class committee and the training class buddies.

New Business: No new business.

The Meeting was adjourned at 12:17 PM.

Submitted by Betty Scardino
TMN-GLC Secretary