

**Gideon Lincecum Chapter Texas Master Naturalist
Chapter Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2024
Stephen F. Austin State Park
San Felipe, TX**

The chapter business meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM by Sheri Wilcox, president. There were 35 chapter members present and 2 guests. Board members attending were Sheri Wilcox, Ken English, Swee-Leng Rappatz, Chris Morrison, Lori Buffum and Betty Scardino.

Minutes for the July 20, 2024 chapter meeting were accepted as distributed.

Treasurer's report: Karen Dean was not able to attend. There were no major expenditures since the previous meeting. A new scholarship fund has been established for initial training or for a member to go to the annual meeting. The scholarship was funded by an anonymous donor.

Presidents Report: The next big event for Texas Master Naturalists is the annual meeting to be held the last week of October. Two chapter members will be making presentations at the meeting.

Vice-Presidents Report: Swee-Leng discussed AT for the November chapter meeting.

Membership report: Chris Morrison reported that 8 chapter members were re-certified since the last meeting and 4 members completed initial certification. Sheri Wilcox received the Silver Dragonfly Pin for a milestone of 2500 hours of service.

Education Report: Karen Gardner reported through Sheri that the team has established a new program for Nature Walks at San Felipe De Austin in addition they will be available to help the historic site with student groups that visit. On October 10th chapter members will be assisting with Harry Potter night at the Fayette County Library. On October 12th there will be 2 events at the San Felipe state park and the historic site. Requests will be coming for volunteers for those as well. Lee Count Ag will be asking for assistance with an event for the Ground Water District Water Fair. Additionally, there is a request Lake Somerville for participation at their Fall Festival. Additional activities were listed for December and March. More info to come.

Training Class Report: It was reported that the initial training link for 2025 has gone live on the website and 6 applications have been received.

Communications Report: Lori mentioned that a request would be coming to chapter members from Survey Monkey regarding the newsletter. Also the deadline for the next newsletter will be October 1st.

Marketing report: Ken English reported on new Outreach activities which included a Feathers, Furs and Farming event in Weimar, in addition TPWD is hosting a youth shooting event and would like to have volunteers to help man stations at the event at Nails Creek State Park at Lake Somerville.

New Business: No new business.

The business meeting was adjourned at 10:10.

The Chapter AT presentation included an introduction to the park by Venus Mercado, interpreter, and an introduction to the nature walk by Jack Philley, volunteer docent followed by a nature walk through the park.

Submitted by Betty Scardino
TMN-GLC Secretary