

**Gideon Lincecum Chapter Texas Master Naturalist
Chapter Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2025
Nails Creek Unit
Lake Somerville State Park, TX**

The chapter business meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Sheri Wilcox, president. There were 35 chapter members and 4 guests attending. Board members attending were Sheri Wilcox, Lori Buffum, Karen Gardner, Chris Morrison Swee Leng Rapatz and Jaci Elliott.

Minutes for the September 20, 2025 chapter meeting were accepted as distributed.

Treasurer's report: Karen Dean was not able to attend. She provided Sheri the current financial report as of November 14th which was shared with the chapter attendees.

Presidents Report: The December Volunteer Event will be held at the LaGrange Agrilife building on December 7th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The chapter will provide the meat, drinks and paper goods while side dishes are to be provided by chapter members. Food pantry donations will be accepted. Door prizes will be provided by chapter members. Additional information regarding the chapter's founding in honor of the 20th anniversary celebration will be shared.

The Texas Master Naturalist Annual Meeting was held in College Station October 16th to 19th. About 20 members from TMN-GLC attended. Next years meeting will be held in Waco.

2026 chapter officers were nominated. John Gardner, a member of the nomination committee, presented the candidates. The nominees were Jeff Post for President, Wanda Anglin for Vice-President, Karen McClure for Treasurer and Betty Scardino for Secretary. John asked for any other nominations from the attendees. No other nominees were suggested. The new officers were accepted by the chapter by acclamation.

Sheri highlighted additional information celebrating the 20th Anniversary. She started with 2009 and mentioned the chapter officers who served for both 2009 and 2010 and the 2009 volunteer activities. She then highlighted activities from 2010 including the number of chapter members, hours achieved and volunteer projects. Interviews with some of the members from these and earlier years will appear in the monthly newsletters and on the website.

Membership Report: Chris Morrison reported that 9 chapter members re-certified for 2025 and 3 members of the 2025 training received initial certification. In addition, Jacque Pritchard, Diana Sellers, and Louis Sellers received both initial certification and re-certified in 2025. Chris pointed out to members that there was still time to re-certify for 2025. Hours must be entered by December 31st.

Marketing/Outreach Report: Ken was unable to attend the meeting but conveyed to Sheri that chapter members represented TMN-GLC at 13 outreach activities in 2025. As a result of those

activities the chapter obtained 118 new contacts for the e-mail list of interested community members.

Communications Report: Lori reported Carol Gascamp will no longer be editing the newsletter and Laura Smith will be taking over those duties in January. In addition, Krystyna Westfield will assist managing and updating the website and Cheryl Noland will begin assisting Lori with moderating the Facebook page.

Volunteer Projects: The chapter water team is active in both on water and on land doing river clean-up activities. Tayvis Dunnahoe and Chuck Babb reported that the chapter was given an award for environmental stewardship by Brazos Valley Council of Governance for river trash clean-ups.

At San Felipe De Austin. Frank's Halloween creep show was a fun Halloween nature walk activity. A nature walk activity is being developed for Winedale.

Education Report: Many education events will take place in the spring and many volunteers will be needed.

Training Report: Registration for the 2026 training class is active on-line. So far 12 applications have been received.

There was no new business.

The business meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Submitted by Betty Scardino
TMN-GLC Secretary