

# ***NPSOT: Pines and Prairies Chapter***

## **Meeting Minutes**

March 4, 2021

Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

- 1) **Call to Order** – Gail McConnell @ 6:32pm
- 2) **Roll call for establishing a board quorum** – Gail McConnell, Abbie Ince-Hendrickson, Martin Simonton, Kim Cox, David Lemons, and Eric Walberg
- 3) **Additional Attendees Present** – Carol Childres, Anita Tiller, Kathy Herrick, Ronnie Jeggle, Sydney Beers
- 4) **Minutes of the last meeting** – Gail McConnell, President  
Abbie Ince-Hendrickson moved to accept, David Lemons seconded. No opposition.  
Minutes accepted.
- 5) **Report of the President** – Gail McConnell, President
  - a) Carl Barton Garden Project – Gail and Martin will conduct a botanical survey on March 10, 2021. Members welcome to come. Contact Gail if you would like to attend.
  - b) Heartwood Ambassador/Advisor – Plant lists are being compiled.
  - c) NLCP class for Montgomery County – Need to identify 45 native plants and 5 invasives for the class. Timeline for planning a class received from Meg Inglis, Coordinator
- 6) **Report of the Treasurer** – David Lemons, Treasurer
  - a) Status of opening bank account – Jan Hanz, State VP-Finance obtained information from Austin Chase representative that our bank account could be linked to with other NPSOT Chapters and State accounts. No fees would be required. Jan emailed local Chase account representative to convey this information and to assist in setting up the Chapter account on Wednesday, no response yet.
- 7) **Report of Committee Chairpersons** –
  - a) Programs--Martin Simonton reported seed collection will not begin until the end of May; Carl Barton botanical survey to be conducted to aid in garden plant selection.
  - b) Nature's Way Resources nursery and soil yard tours – Carol Childres reported that all is on hold right now due to the freeze, COVID, spring business surge.
- 8) **Unfinished Business**-
  - a) Verification of vote on by-laws and initial board members – Eric Walberg, secretary, reviewed and ratified the vote.
  - b) Review and approval of Website content – Eric Walberg motioned to accept, Abbie Ince-Hendrickson seconded. No opposition. Website proposed content approved.
  - c) Review and approval of Facebook content – Abbie Ince-Hendrickson motioned to accept, Martin Simonton seconded. No opposition. Facebook proposed content approved.

- d) Review and approval of Member Profile Sheet – Member Rick Easton suggested that Mercer Society or an Other plant society membership designations be added. Mike McGee automated the form to Excel. Martin Simonton moved to accept, Eric Walberg seconded. Member Profile Sheet, with suggested additions, approved.
- e) Board approval of botanical advisors: Adam Black, Kathie Herrick, and Anita Tiller – , Martin Simonton moved to approve. Kim Cox seconded. No opposition. Botanical advisors approved.

**9) Unplanned New Business**

- a) None

**10)Adjournment – 7:15 pm.**

Accepted by the Board on March 18, 2021

Electronically signed by Eric Walberg, Secretary

## Approved Website Content

- About us tab:
  - Board and botanical advisors--1/4 page bio and photo, whatever contact info you want, if any. I think we can get you a npsot.org email address.
  - When formed, charter members and sponsor
  - Contact us: For now, email will be <pinesandprairiesnpsot@gmail.com> and Gail's cellphone #
  - Join NPSOT links
- Calendar tab
- Projects (with description and link to volunteer sign-up)
- Resources tab
  - Links to useful sites
    - NPSOT YouTube
  - Reference books and articles
  - Native v. non distinguishing features
  - Cultivar substitutes
  - Year-round flowers for pollinators
  - Montgomery County plant database
- Sources tab
  - Native plant nurseries (We need to set criteria)
  - Native plant landscapers
  - Organic soil sources
  - Irrigation installation

## Approved Facebook Page Content

- Weekly post by botanist advisor
  - Test your knowledge--native or non Invasive?
- Weekly post by geologist or soil specialist
  - interesting geological site
  - soil types
- Native plant news
- photos
  - link to signup if photo is of an activity
- blog
- link to website
  - link to join NPSOT

**Approved Member Profile Sheet**  
**Pines and Prairies Chapter, Native Plant Society of Texas**

(Please complete all applicable fields, and give information that the Chapter may use to contact you or to ask you for assistance in particular projects)

Date: Click or tap to enter a date.

Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

I prefer to be called: Click or tap here to enter text.

The Chapter may give Chapter members my (check all that apply)

Cell phone number to

phone me

text me

email address

I am also a

Texas Master Gardener with the  Chapter

Texas Master Naturalist with the  Chapter

Woodlands GREEN member

Mercer Society member

Audubon Society member

Other nature conservancy or native plant-focused organization Click or tap here to enter text.

I have experience with native plants:

Working in a native plant nursery; Click or tap here to enter text.years

Landscaping with native plants; Click or tap here to enter text.years

Seed-collecting, plant rescues; Click or tap here to enter text.years

Propagating native plants; Click or tap here to enter text.years

Member Profile Sheet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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I have other relevant training and experience (botany, geologist, etc.) that may be helpful to the Chapter:  
Click or tap here to enter text.

I would like to participate and/or contribute to the Chapter in the following ways:

- Lead plant walks and plant rescues
- Develop Native Landscaping Certification courses for Montgomery County, includes identifying 50 plants per course and finding and arranging for plant walks
- Propagate plants
- Give workshops/seminars on the following proposed topics: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Build and maintain the Chapter website using Wordpress
- Build and maintain the Chapter Facebook page
- Install demonstration gardens
  - Carl Barton Park
  - Other Click or tap here to enter text.
- Be an advisor/ambassador with the Heartwood Conserving Nature Ambassador Program

Anything else that you would like the Chapter to know about you:

Click or tap here to enter text.