

NPSOT: Pines and Prairies Chapter

Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2021

Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

- 1) **Call to Order** – 6:34pm
- 2) **Roll call for establishing a board quorum** – Present were Gail McConnell, Eric Walberg, Kim Cox, Abbie Ince-Hendrickson, Aram Derewetzky, Martin Simonton
- 3) **Additional Attendees Present** – Carol Childres, Kathie Herrick
- 4) **Presentation of the minutes of the last meeting** – Gail McConnell, President
Motion to Accept: Abbie, Second: Martin. No opposition, motion carried.
- 5) **Report of the President** – Gail McConnell, President
 - a) Website and Facebook pages, please check regularly:
 1. Continue to check out website and Facebook for content. Like Facebook content to increase web visibility. We should post Resources pages, but right now have only one or two names and we should have at least 3 names for each resource type to avoid pure endorsement or the business
 - b) Jesse Jones nature walk Friday, April 30, 9:00am for City Nature Challenge:
 1. Moved original date to align with City Nature Challenge, early morning better for heat and birds.
 - c) Jesse Jones greenhouse has automatic watering system and a regular volunteer every Wednesday
 - d) Member Profile Form:
 1. 55 members as of today
 2. 15 profile forms received; combined with the 7 Board members and botanical advisors, who have not returned a member profile, we know about the participation levels of 22 members
 3. Encourage return of member profile form at plant walks and at the swap/yard sale
 - e) Flower pin membership longevity recognition:
 1. Flower suggestions submitted and our participation appreciated
 - f) We are invited to speak at The Woodlands Hiking Club meeting on May 5 at 6:30pm:
 1. Gail will put together slides, but would like folks to join her and help with questions.
 2. Also occurring this day/evening: Cinco de Mayo and the Heartwood Chapter meeting. 15-20 Hiking Club members expected
- 6) **Report of the Treasurer** – Gail presented for David Lemon, Treasurer
 - a) Approve Comerica Bank for Chapter account
 1. Gail presented an email prepared by David presenting bank options in lieu of Chase, which will require the names and social security numbers of all non-signing Board Members and advisors:

- (1) Wood Forest Bank
 - (a) \$100 minimum balance
 - (b) \$5.00 monthly service charge, for an account less than \$1,000.00
 - (c) Signers would need to provide ID/ Social Security
- (2) Comerica
 - (a) Comerica offers a "Basic Business Account"
 - (b) \$50.00 minimum balance
 - (c) No monthly service charges, as long as the account does not go over 75 transactions per month. This includes check deposits, credit card transactions, withdrawals, etc.
 - (d) Only the signers on the account would have to provide sensitive information like ID/ social security.
- (3) Capital One
 - (a) \$250.00 initial deposit (no minimum balance)
 - (b) No service charges, as long as we provide paper work showing we are a Non-Profit Organization.
 - (c) Only the signers on the account would have to provide sensitive information like ID/ social security.

b) Aram motioned to approve Comerica bank, Abbie second, all in favor, motion carries

7) Report of Chairs and Committees –

a) Program Chair (Martin Simonton)

- 1. Botanical survey at Carl Barton
 - (1) One more walk would complete the botanical survey
 - (2) Walk set for May 5th at 8:30 am.
- 2. May seed collection date (Martin Simonton)
 - (1) Due to the requirements to collect seeds at Sam Houston National Forest, Martin does not see it as a feasible option. Backup plan is to seed collect on Martin's 50 acres.
 - (2) Aram volunteered to ask Bayou Conservancy, for seed collection opportunities.
 - (3) Date/Time – Plan for weekend before Memorial Day, Saturday May 22. Suggested to do two walks, one during the week and one during weekend due to many members being unavailable on Saturday.
 - (4) Martin also mentioned Lone Star Parkway with 200 ft right away if they do not mow it. Gail is going to attempt to contact who controls that and see when they plan to mow.
- 3. May workshop for planting seeds the day of or after May seed collection walks to grow plants for fall plant sale.
 - (1) Martin mentioned that potting soil can be expensive and that we need approximately 2 yards. Possibly, soil can be donated or obtained at a discount
 - (2) Workshop must be held where the seedlings will be sprouted. Workshop will be held at Martin's.

8) Unfinished Business

- a) Approve logo to send to the membership for a vote
 - 1. Abbie presented an option suggested by someone and advised that a better font for the chapter name might be found. Others agreed and a new font/script will be presented next meeting

9) Planned New Business

- a) Member plant swap and yard sale at Nature's Way Resources—Carol Childres

1. June 12th, Carol suggested in the morning, 8:30-10:30am due to summer heat
 2. Location will be at the front north side of the nursery.
 3. Sell donated plants to the public and pots, yard art, unused tools, books etc. to both members and the public
- b) Next Board meeting will be May 13, 2021, at 6:30 pm

10) Unplanned New Business

- a) None

11)Adjournment – 7:22pm