

NPSOT: Pines and Prairies Chapter

Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2021

Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

- 1 Call to Order – 6:43pm**
- 2 Roll call for establishing a board quorum –** Eric Walberg, David Lemons, Gail McConnell, Abbie Ince-Hendrickson, Aram Derewetzky
- 3 Additional Attendees Present –** Carol Childres, Kathie Herrick, Alicia Mein-Johnson,
- 4 Presentation of the minutes of the last meeting –** Gail McConnell, President
Motion to Accept, Aram; second, Abbie. All in favor, accepted.
- 5 Report of the President –** Gail McConnell, President
 - 5.a State New Membership Contest:** Pines and Prairies won a certificate and seeds for having the greatest percentage increase in new members.
 - 5.b** Thanks to Anita for having the membership flyer at the Mercer sale: Carol Childres and David Lemons for posting at Nature's Way Resources. Thanks to Don Dubois and Eric Walberg for joining Gail in speaking to The Woodlands Hiking Club; the club requested membership flyer and suggested contacting the Community Newspaper with an article about the Chapter.
 - 5.c** Jesse Jones nature walk rescheduled to May 14 at 9:00-11:00a. Alicia Mein-Johnson will lead the walk.
- 6 Report of the Treasurer –** David Lemons, Treasurer
 - 6.a** Charge account processing vendor:
 - a.1** Square has no monthly charge, \$10 for a scanner, first one free; can be use on our cell phones; online sales capability.
 - a.2** Comerica has a monthly charge fee; \$80 per chip reader. Does Comerica have an online sale option?
 - a.3** Vote on vendor deferred to next meeting.
 - 6.b** We will get a cash box in for the plant sale.
 - 6.c** David has applied for nursery event and sales permits for the sale.
- 7 Report of Chairs and Committees –**
 - 7.a** Program chair- Martin Simonton by Gail McConnell
 - a.1** Botanical survey at Carl Barton Jr. Park has been completed
 - a.2** May seed collection on Saturday, May 22 and Wednesday, May 26. Potting workshops will be scheduled after the seed collections.
 - a.3** Director Aram Derewetzky has arranged for the seed collecting walks on properties managed by the Bayou Land Conservancy. Start time at 9:00am due to location being off FM 242.

7.bNCLP chair – Kim Cox by Gail McConnell

b.1 Committee formed of members based on their member profile form: Mike McGee, April Smith, Carolyn Worsham, and Bob Dailey

b.2 Start planning in June for the first class in Sept-Oct. Instructors must have taken the Level 1 course regardless of their training and experience. Mary Spolyar, who presented the landscaping for birds class, is willing to assist.

8 Unfinished Business-

8.a Approve logo options to be sent to the membership for a vote: Motion by Eric; seconded by Abbie. All in favor, motion approved to send logos to the membership for a vote.

8.b June 12 member plant swap and yard sale at Nature's Way Resources: Change to just a sale. Items for sale can be delivered to Nature's Way on Friday. Volunteer time to pot plants, etc. will count as volunteer time for the Master Naturalist Program. Volunteer days/times to pot plants will follow. Sign-up genius or spreadsheet to see what everyone is bringing.

b.1 For the future do we buy seeds and repackage into smaller envelopes to resell. Make Seed bombs to sell?

9 Planned New Business

9.a Change Chapter email to npsot.org: P&P@npsot.org or pinesandprairies@npsot.org? Motion by Abbie; seconded by Aram for pinesandprairies@npsot.org and turn Gmail account into the president's account. All in favor, motion carries.

9.b Member nametags? Order 100 with magnetic back costs about \$2 each. Members could pay the \$2?

9.c Fall symposium: The State is requesting 2 plant walks per Chapter and a coordinator from each ecoregion.

9.d Next board meeting: Thursday, June 3, 2021, 7:00pm.

10 Unplanned New Business

10.a None

11 Adjournment – 7:22pm

These minutes were accepted by the Board on June 3, 2021

Electronically signed by Gail McConnell, President
(Secretary Eric Walberg was unable to attend June 3, 2021, Board Meeting)