

NPSOT: Pines and Prairies Chapter

Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2021

Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

- 1) **Call to Order** – 7:03pm
- 2) **Roll call for establishing a board quorum** – Eric Walberg, David Lemmons, Gail McConnell, Abbie Ince-Hendrickson, Aram Derewetzky, Martin Simmanton
- 3) **Additional Attendees Present** – Barbie Petty, Carson Stokes, Leslie Cummings, Kathie Herrick
- 4) **Presentation of the minutes of the last meeting** – Gail McConnell, President
Motion to Accept by Aram Derewetzky, Second by Abbie Ince-Hendrickson. All in favor, motion carried, minutes accepted
- 5) **Board vacancy**
 - a) Vote to accept tender of resignation of Kim Cox, Director-at-Large. Motion to accept by Abbie Ince-Hendrickson, Second by Eric Walberg. All in favor, motion carried.
 - b) Call for nominees to fill vacancy. Kathie Herrick volunteered.
 - c) Motion to have Kathie Herrick take the vacant position by Abbie Ince-Hendrickson, Second, Eric Walberg. All in favor, motion carried.
- 6) **Report of the President** – Gail McConnell, President
 - a) Carl Barton Park Demonstration Garden.
 1. Lauren Arnold shared plans for the Earth Kind garden that had originally been planned at the garden site.
 2. Meeting set for Wednesday, July 14 at 9:00am with Heartwood Chapter TMN, City of Conroe, Texas A&M Agrilife, and Montgomery County Master Gardeners.
- 7) **Report of the Treasurer** – David Lemon, Treasurer
 - a) Final sales report for the plant sale:
 1. \$1,841.31 revenue
 - b) First quarterly financial report, attached
 1. Income \$2,409.35. Checking account balance: \$2,329.35.
 2. Motion to accept financial report for submission to the State NPSOT by Abbie Ince-Hendrickson, Second by Aram Derewetzky. All in favor, motion carried, report accepted.
- 8) **Report of Chairs and Committees** –
 - a) Program Chair--Martin
 1. Seed collection. Not many seeds because there was not much to collect. The year has been difficult due to the freeze and rains. Collected Coreopsis and Hypericum.
 2. Fall Plant Sale
 - (1) Motion to hold sale on October 2 by Eric Walberg, Second by Abbie Ince-Hendrickson. All in favor, motion carried.
 - (2) Later in the meeting, the Board decided a new date needs to be chosen because it falls on same dates as Mercer Pollinator Festival and plant sale.

(a) Aram to check on Woodlands Landscaper Solution on September 25. David will be unavailable September 28 through October 2.

(3) Before holding a plant sale at Martin's, board members should see the location.

3. Seed propagation workshop to be planned by Martin for late July-August

b) Member Outreach Committee--Aram

1. Aram is talking with ACE Hardware in The Woodlands regarding an outreach opportunity in the next couple weeks.

2. Aram requested a call for committee members to man outreach tables at events

c) Report of NCLP Committee--Kathie

1. Montgomery County AgriLife building has been reserved for October 31.

2. Carl Barton Park is a possibility for a native plant walk.

3. Committee will decide class format, whether online, in-person or hybrid

9) Unfinished Business-

a) None

10)Planned New Business

a) SWOT analysis in preparation for a five-year plan.

1. Carson Stokes discussed the analysis and suggested:

(1) Conduct a SWOT for each action/project; Carl Barton Demonstration Garden, Plant Sale, etc.

(2) Do a Survey Monkey for what members want to do and get out of the chapter; advance training, plant natives in your yard, knowledge, pollinators, etc.

b) Next Board meeting. (planned after the Board meeting via email)

1. Thursday, July 29 at 7:00pm via TEAMS

11) Unplanned New Business

None

12) Meeting Adjourned – 7:58pm