

NPSOT: Pines and Prairies Chapter

Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2021

Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

- 1) **Call to Order** – 7:04pm
- 2) **Roll call for establishing a board quorum** – Eric Walberg, David Lemmons, Gail McConnell, Kathie Herrick, Abbie Ince-Hendrickson, Martin Simmonton
- 3) **Additional Attendees Present** – Jessica Mauch
- 4) **Presentation of the minutes of the last meeting** – Eric Walberg, Secretary
Motion to Accept: Abbie, Second: Kathie. All in favor, motion carried.
- 5) **Report of the President** – Gail McConnell
 - a) Carl Barton, Jr. Park demonstration garden, working through the indemnity paragraphs of an agreement with the City of Conroe.
- 6) **Report of the Treasurer** – David Lemon
 - a) David presented the concept of designating chapter funds into four categories: (1) grants and scholarships, (2) demonstration gardens, (3) administrative expenses, and (4) reserve.
 1. *Motion to send concept to the membership: Abbie, Second: Kathie. All in favor, motion carried.*
 - b) Call for expenditures from budget
 1. Purchase two chip readers from Square for credit card transactions at plant sales. \$100 for two.
(1) Motion to approve expenditure: Abbie, Second: David. All in favor, motion carried.
 2. Purchase cinder blocks and boards to build three propagation tables at approximately \$185 for the propagation station at Jesse H. Jones State Forest.
(1) Truck needed to move materials, or \$20 to rent
(2) Motion to approve expenditure: Abbie, Second: Kathie. All in favor, motion carried.
- 7) **Report of Committee Chairpersons**
 - a) Report of NCLP Committee – Kathie Herrick
 1. Level 1 class is tentatively scheduled for October 30
 2. Class will be virtual with an in-person plant walk.
 3. Bob Daily and Carolyn Worsham have agreed to serve as instructors.
- 8) **Unfinished Business** -
 - a) Fall Plant Sale
 1. The Woodlands Landscaping Solutions event on Saturday, September 25, 9am to noon, at Rob Fleming Park
(1) Event may turn into a drive thru event due to COVID concerns.
(2) May need to sell plants online.
(3) Motion to hold the plant sale at The Woodlands Landscaping Solutions: Abbie, Second: Martin. All in favor, motion carried.

2. Plants for the sale to be donated by members or sold on a consignment basis, less wholesale cost to vendor. Remaining plants provided by a vendor, to be returned to the vendor at no cost to the Chapter.

(1) *Motion to purchase plants from vendor(s) for the plant sale:* Abbie, *Second:* Eric.
All in favor (Martin abstained), motion carried.

9) Planned New Business -

- a) Chapter donation of \$250 for the Carl Barton, Jr. Park demonstration garden. Motion to approve: Abbie, *Second:* David. All in favor, motion carried.
- b) Kleb Hummingbird Festival, September 11 table display of hummingbirds enjoying native plants
- c) Next Board meeting, Thursday, September 9, 2021 @ 7:00pm.

10) Unplanned New Business -

- a) Native plant beds on east side of Lake Creek Preserve need maintenance. Consider it as the next demonstration garden project?
- b) In-person meeting Wednesday, November 10 with Adam Black speaking on East Texas natives?

11) Adjournment – 7:44pm