

NPSOT: Pines and Prairies Chapter

Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2021

Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

- 1) **Call to Order** – 7:05pm
- 2) **Roll call for establishing a board quorum** – Eric Walberg, David Lemons, Gail McConnell, Kathie Herrick, Abbie Ince-Hendrickson, Aram Derewetzky
- 3) **Additional Attendees Present** – Jessica Mauch, April Smith, Kimber Kaushik, NPSOT VP-Education
- 4) **Presentation of the minutes of the last meeting** – Eric Walberg, Secretary
Motion to Accept: Abbie, Second: David. All in favor, motion carries.
- 5) **Presentation** – Kimber Kaushik, NPSOT VP-Education
 - a) Kimber presented options for Pines and Prairies to contribute to scholarships
 1. Presented a state program in which chapters can contribute money to and/or sponsor a specific program/student.
 - (1) Individuals are also able to contribute to the program if they would like to.
- 6) **Report of the President** – Gail McConnell, President
 - a) Logo A was adopted, font is italicized Source Serif Pro
 - b) Established chapter revenues to be divided into four funds.
 1. For Clarification:
 - (1) Administration expenses to include education and chapter outreach.
 - (2) Scholarships and grants to include research.
 - (3) Demonstration gardens to include propagation and plant rescues.
 - (4) Motion to accept above to clarify terms
 - (a) *Motion to Accept: Kathie, Second: Aram. All in favor, motion carries.*
 - c) Award recognition pins at Fall Plant Sale?
 1. Agreed to award at the plant sale, deliver ones that aren't picked up.
 - d) Fall Symposium plant walks, Sunday, October 10
 1. George Mitchell Nature Trail – Aram Derewetzky and Abbie Ince-Hendrickson
 2. Shadow Lake Marsh – Kathie Herrick and Anita Tiller
- 7) **Report of the Treasurer** – David Lemons, Treasurer
 - a) Plant Sale
 1. Purchased 2 card readers for the plant sale.
 2. The Woodlands residents can get a rebate for natives at the plant sale event.
 3. Tax certificate and event permit have been obtained
 4. Jessica will train to handle checkout
- 8) **Report of Chairs and Committees**
 - a) Report of Program Committee – Gail for Martin Simonton
 1. Fall plant sale details
 - (1) Weed, tag, and clean up plants on Wednesday, September 15 at 8:00am.
 - (2) Set up at Rob Fleming park at 7:00am on Saturday, September 25
 - (3) Cleanup includes taking plants to Martin's van for transport back to the nursery

- b) Report of Membership Outreach Committee – Aram
 - 1. Dates and places to staff
 - (1) September 11: Ace Hardware in The Woodland, 10am to 2pm
 - (2) September 25: The Woodlands Landscaping Solutions, Rob Fleming Park
 - (3) October 9: Mercer Pollinator Festival
 - 2. Native Plant week in October. Displays at libraries
- c) Report of NCLP Committee – Kathie
 - 1. October 30-31 is Level 1 Class listed on NPSOT website.
 - (1) Link to be posted soon.
 - (2) Tightening up the plant lists, PowerPoint, and set-up/run through before class.
 - (3) Plant walk will be held at Mercer Botanic Gardens.

9) Unfinished Business -

- a) Approve General meeting November 10 (hybrid)
 - 1. Adam Black as speaker
 - 2. Location?
 - 3. Questions raised about the meeting
 - (1) Do we make masks mandatory?
 - (2) Do we do it in person since hybrid meetings are hard to do?
 - (a) Motion to accept hybrid format and mandatory masks if in-person.
 - (b) *Motion to Accept: Abbie, Second: Aram.* All in favor, motion carries.

10)Planned New Business -

- a) Chapter Infrastructure: *deferred to next meeting*
 - 1. Appoint committee chairperson for the following committees.
 - (1) Plant Sales/Fundraisers
 - (2) Monthly Field Trips
 - (3) NICE Program
 - (4) Propagation/Demonstration Gardens
 - 2. Vote to approve these as standing committees

b) Next board meeting, Tuesday, October 12, 2021 @ 7:00pm.

11) Unplanned New Business -

- a) none

12)Adjournment – 7:57pm

Accepted by the Board on October 12, 2021

Electronically signed by: Abbie Ince-Hendrickson, Acting Secretary