

NPSOT: Pines and Prairies Chapter

Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2022

Location: Zoom Meeting

- 1) **Call to Order** – 7:02pm
- 2) **Roll call for establishing a board quorum** – Eric Walberg, David Lemmons, Gail McConnell, Abbie Ince-Hendrickson, Aram Derewetzky, Kathie Herrick, Martin Simonton
- 3) **Additional Attendees Present** – Bob Dailey, Linda Roe, Mary Radspinner, Amy Birdwell, Alicia Mein-Johnson, Carolyn Worsham, Darla Oakman
- 4) **Presentation of the minutes of the last meeting** – Gail McConnell.
Motion to Accept: Abbie, Second: Aram. All in favor, motion carries.
- 5) **Report of the President** – Gail McConnell, President
 - a) Carson Stokes, Nominations Committee Chairperson has proposed the following slate:
 1. Gail McConnell for President
 2. Mike McGee for Director-at-Large
 3. Carolyn Worsham for Secretary
 - b) Revisions to Rolling Three Year Plan
 1. *Motion to Accept: Abbie, Second: Martin. All in favor, motion carries.*
 - c) Calendar for 2022
 1. Deferred to next meeting for addition of events and times.
 - (1) Abbie suggested an annual November seed bombing at W.G. Jones Forest wildflower meadow with a potluck picnic
 - (2) Martin suggested that member outings for seed collecting in July and August be planned for those months, but with dates flexible depending on seed maturity. Suggest seed mailing be an annual event before Thanksgiving.
 - d) Consolidated special events calendar on our website of native plant related events.
 1. *Motion to Accept: Abbie, Second: Aram. All in favor, motion carries.*
 - e) Budget for 2022
 1. Add \$100 for seed bombing the wildflower meadow at W.G. Jones State Forest.
 2. Add \$100 for Fall Level 1 NLCP class.
 3. With above additions:
 - (1) *Motion to Accept: Abbie, Second: Aram. All in favor, motion carries.*
- 6) **Report of the Treasurer** – David Lemon, Treasurer
 - a) Fourth quarter financial report to be submitted by January 15.
 1. *Motion to Accept: Kathie, Second: Aram. All in favor, motion carries.*
 - b) Gail reminded the Board of the need to keep track of in-kind donations and volunteer hours to demonstrate the Chapter's value to the community. Also, to make sure to have sign-in sheets for waivers, emergency and COVID exposure contact if any.

7) Report of Chairs and Committees

a) Report of Program Committee – Martin Simonton

1. Plant sales. Martin asked that we have a post-event debriefing to identify problems and areas of improvement. For instance, he observed that wagons are needed to help increase sales and to assist buyers to their vehicles. Master Gardeners may be a source for wagons.

(1) Spring plant sale, scheduled for April 2, 2022, at New World Botanical, 2701 Lone Star Parkway, Montgomery

(2) Fall plant sale, scheduled for September 24, 2022, at Rob Fleming Park, Woodlands Landscaping Solutions.

2. Propagation sessions scheduled Thursday mornings restarting in February.

b) Report of Membership/Outreach – Aram Derewetzky

- (1) Calendar of events – deferred to next meeting for events and start times of the events.

8) Unfinished Business -

a) First anniversary celebration, January 29, 2022, 1-3pm, Spring Creek Nature Center, open to public.

1. Abbie's' flyers in blue and yellow were shown to attendees and the majority voted for blue. Bob Dailey will have flyers printed.

2. Commemorative pollinator garden, cost using mature plants is estimated at \$2,000. Martin offered to suggest plant substitutes based on availability at New World Botanical. Members will be asked to donate plants. \$500 was approved to be spent in the 2022 Budget for needed plants.

(1) Approval of garden:

(a) *Motion to Accept:* Abbie, *Second:* Kathie. All in favor, motion carries.

(b) Abbie will form an advisory committee to include Martin and Bob Dailey.

3. Plant Walks (with confirmation and volunteers from attendees)

- Abbie Ince-Hendrickson and Aram Derewetzky
- Don Dubois and Martin Simonton
- Kathie Herrick and Bob Dailey
- Alicia Mein-Johnson and Linda Roe

9) Planned New Business -

a) School pollinator garden at Houston Elementary in Conroe – Carolyn Worsham.

1. Vote to approve up to \$100 of an unspecified requested contribution to assist with the garden.

(a) *Motion to Accept:* Abbie, *Second:* Aram. All in favor, motion carries.

b) Native Plant Exchange Rules for currently NPSOT members only and proposed rules.

- (1) *Motion to Accept:* Aram, *Second:* Martin. All in favor, motion carries.

c) Next Board meeting Thursday, February 10 at 7:00pm via Zoom

10) Unplanned New Business -

a) None

11) Adjournment – 8:18pm