

August 19, 2020 Prairie Smoke meeting minutes

Attendees: Ryan Kemmerick, Dawn Littleton, Ed Pfannkoch, Chuck Kernler, Susan Powers

Agenda items: Meeting held online. Susan unable to communicate by phone, but able to hear comments

Secretary's report: Chuck was the first to offer to take notes, in Ruthann's absence. No other offers were made, although Ed offered to fact-check the minutes. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Ryan, seconded by Chuck and passed.

Treasurer's report: Ryan reported a balance of \$14,028.14, with not much activity. Two new memberships. Eighty-two current memberships with some representing more than one person.

Chuck posted Prairie Smoke brochures at Bluff Country Co-op, in Winona.

Burn report: No burns were conducted this spring. One member inquired and Barb and Walt will view the project. Permits were hard to come by because Local Units of Government were reluctant to put EMT's in harm's way.

Website: Maribeth paid for three years of hosting. Ed submitted amendments which have not appeared on website. Ed's summary of the visit to Shooting Star should be added to the site.

Library: Motion was made by Chuck, seconded by Ryan, and passed, to gather titles, internally, for the recommended reading list, and submit them, annually, with the check.

Fall picnic: Plans were tabled, due to the pandemic, but possibilities were discussed. A decision would have to be made, soon, to hold a picnic in September. No food, personal food, seed harvest? Dawn will contact Joel about the possibility of a seed harvest on his (former) property.

Board member reports:

Chuck planted a cup plant at the food co-op raingarden in Winona. He has more cup plants in undesirable locations if anyone is interested.

Ed enjoyed monarchs on rose milkweed.

Ryan reported success in treating Canada Goldenrod, cut stems, with a 20% mixture of Roundup. He has managed wild parsnip, buckthorn and goldenrod in his subdivision. (He gets extra credit for that.)

Dawn is celebrating the success of her business, Enabling Healthy Habitat, LLC.

It is with regret that she resigned the board, today, August 19, 2020, due to the fact that she is no longer able to commit the amount of time necessary to adequately serve as President of Prairie Smoke. Ed, our former Vice President, assumed those duties.

Chuck's motion to adjourn, seconded by Ed, passed at 7:34.

Respectfully submitted by Chuck, temporary secretary