

## Minutes of June 14, 2017 Board Meeting

Attended: R. Kemmerick, C. Kernler, D. Littleton, B. Nigon, S. Powers, M. Stopyro, J. Summerfield, R. Yaeger      Guest: B. Lind

### Agenda Items:

- 1) Secretary's report: April minutes approved.
- 2) Treasurer: Chuck presented report. End balance is now \$11,599.73. T-shirt sales noted.  
**Motion:** Barb will be given petty cash fund of \$90 for T sales. Passed unanimously.  
Chuck explained that he needed to resign his Treasurer duties due to problems at home. Mark Stopyro agreed to take over Treasurer duties. Ryan will continue as membership coordinator. Chuck was thanked for starting us off right. He stated that he still will remain on the board!  
**Motion:** to accept Mark as Treasurer and Ryan as membership coordinator. Passed unanimously.

### Old Business

1. Annual get-together : Reiterated: Chester Woods for fall picnic at Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Board agreed to invite other groups such as FOX, FOCW, Chatfield F&G, TPE Driftless.
2. PS Projects: Dawn reported that the Indian Heights Master plan has been completed. PS was a sponsor of that project. Walt & Ruthann cleaned up the little PS Thompson Mill Race prairie. Suggestion made that we purchase metal PS Do Not Mow or Spray signs for little prairies we maintain and a banner for display events. Susan will check into costs of signs and Ruthann will check on banner costs. Jeff will check into awning costs.
3. Field trips: Reviewed so far. Jeff reported that six people toured Weaver Dunes. Two were expert botanists and the others were very interested, so good contacts made and everyone enjoyed themselves. Discussion re: offering another WD trip this fall.
4. Facebook: Ruthann reported that Facebook sent out a note that the page format will be totally revamped on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June, so it made no sense to go live before we saw what it looked like. After that date, committee will meet to settle on content. Brian reported that the unauthorized FB page had somehow gotten spammed and inappropriate ads had appeared. Susan was asked to delete that page completely to avoid confusion with the new one.

### New Business

1. SE MN TPE chapter: Chuck knows one of the members of the new Driftless TPE chapter and reported that they would like us to work with them on events and such. Board agreed to do this.
2. Display opportunity: People of Hope Lutheran church is restoring a small piece of their land to prairie and asked if we could attend with a display. Ruthann agreed to do this. Board gave approval of attending this event.
3. PS Gmail acct mailings. Ryan asked about the Gmail page heading. It currently comes across as Prairie Smoke administration. He felt that was off-putting. **Motion:** to change name to Prairie Smoke instead of PS admin. Passed. Question was raised regarding how many names can be sent by Gmail without being labelled as spam - Brian said 500. Ryan reminded group that there are two renewal dates, so PS would be well under that number for each group.

4. Non-agenda items:

- Discussion started on selling T-shirts online and mailing them to members. Shipping costs were discussed. Decision on cost was deferred.
- Suggestion made to broaden our scope to make info available on our webpage on starting and maintaining small urban prairies, including what permits are necessary, how to ensure a succession of blooms, etc. Board approved this idea and each of us will gather sources of such info to send to Barb. Joel already has such info, so no need to reinvent info.
- Discussion initiated regarding seed collection on private and public prairies.
- Burning prairies in the city were considered. Discussion on ordinances and permits needed.
- Walt reported that one LP back pack torch (weed burner) has not been returned. Unknown who borrowed it last.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: Sept Annual Picnic

R. Yaeger, sec'ty