**Prairie Smoke Board Sunday, August 14, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Attendees: Ed Pfannkoch, Susan Powers, Barb Nigon, Pat and Ryan Kemmerick, Susan Wieseler, Dave Vail

Read and approve prior meeting minutes

Minutes from December approved

Treasurer report

Chatfield Library endowment installment paid. Reminder for members to watch for recommended reading, all ages, both for library and website. Income above expenses. Treasurer’s report was accepted.

Discussion about Quicken for bookkeeping, no current reimbursement needed. If Treasurer changes, Quicken is convertible to formats easily. 990 form for non-profit sent in and current. Discussion of preemptive audit to have another set of eyes confirm proper bookkeeping. Motion for Ed to contact member, an accountant, for suggestions as to how proceed. Passed

Website updates

Pictures of spring burns and results should be posted soon under member activities. Calendar is now linked to Prairie Smoke website. Web manager declines payment for her services. Fee for web domain covers until 2023.

Future activities

(President suggests at least one board member present at any activity, to coordinate and report)

Whitewater river restoration walk, John Weiss is contact. Board agrees, Ed will contact for possible dates.

Fall picnic Tentative date Sunday, October 9. Chester Woods County Park. This date should allow for more seed collection and seed exchange.

Ditch cleanup -After fall picnic, tentative date Wednesday, October 12

Thompson Mill Race (Rochester) pocket prairie maintenance. Ryan will check timing of previous effort, and if cleanup can coincide with a city wide volunteer effort.

Invitation to Al Batt for prairie bird talk. Suggestion raised for timing to coincide with winter meeting, February. Discussion on opening to other groups, which would require other venue. Motion made to request that Al present at winter meeting and plan to offer an honorarium. Passed.

Burn equipment maintenance- 2022 Walt Nigon has done maintenance. Weed whip needs work. Shed rent has remained static for burn trailer. Suggestion by Barb to increase yearly rent payment. Motion to increase annual rent payment to $275. Passed

Web Page lists native plant suppliers. Outback Nursery- Share information with members looking for potted plants, as Outback offers a wide selection.

Meeting adjourned 9 pm Notes taken by Sue Wieseler