

Minutes of November 15, 2017 Board Meeting

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

Members present: Brian Lind (for D. Littleton), Ed Pfannkoch, Helen Myers, Walt Nigon

Agenda Items:

- 1) Secretary's report: Aug minutes approved.
- 2) Treasurer report: Mark presented report. From Aug 16th thru Nov. 15th. Balance in checking for this quarter is \$11.94. Finally received some money from PayPal. Treasurer's report accepted.

Old Business

1. Seed packets from Shooting Star shown to new members. New system of labeling was discussed.
2. Memberships: Ryan reported that he had sent out renewals to members who are not current, but list still contains members who have not renewed for a long time.
3. Web page: Barb reviewed Sharon's new design - great! New pictures of cleaning up road ditch added. New Adopt-a-Highway sign featuring PS is up.
4. Annual get-together : Chester Woods fall picnic went well, with 37 attendees, but had hoped for more members. Jeff reported no interest in seed collecting on his property.
5. Prairie Smoke banner and signs: Jeff will follow up on banner for PS events. Do Not Mow Sign prices reviewed. **Motion:** to table discussion until more we have info re: banner.

New Business

1. Responding to requests: Board needs better communication - answer emails in timely manner!
2. Equipment: Have lost weed torch we had - was borrowed and not returned.
Motion: order and purchase new weed torch. Passed.
Rent shed for trailer and burn wagon over winter. Cost is \$200 for season.
Motion: to rent shed for the winter. Passed.
3. Budget: Grants for QH and Indian Heights are only major debts still outstanding. Come due spring 2018, and website domain name needs renewal in April.
4. Annual meeting in Chatfield. Date: Feb 4th depending on speaker availability.
Speakers suggested: Karin Jokela with Xerces, out of Farmington - Ruthann will contact her; Sharon offered her talk on Kilimanjaro trip as a backup; Jeff also suggested a speaker.
5. New members: Helen reported results of burn PS did on her 79 acres. Trees are now gone, and forbs have come up in profusion. Is now no longer qualified for CRP, so she is enrolling in the MN Pollinator program -NCRS person said she did not have to reseed due to diversity now present. Ed reviewed his situation and asked for sources of such programs to help with cedar removal on bluffs, etc. Sharon will add to the current links as members send them to Barb.
6. Upcoming programs: Barb will present 4H award to winner of the Grand Champion Water & Wetlands achievement award at ceremony Nov 20th and give her a T-shirt as well. Talk on burning needs to be put together for future use. Ruthann will consult with Tom E. at Chester Woods.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting: TBA

R. Yaeger, sec'ty