

**Minutes of Meetings
Kansas Wildflower Society
25th Annual Meeting
September 12-13, 2003
Topeka, Kansas**

Minutes from meeting of Board of Directors; Friday, Sept. 12

The Fall 2003 meeting of the KWS Board of Directors was held in the Vogel Room, Washburn University Union, Topeka, Kansas. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by President Dwight Platt. Board members present were Roger Boyd, Shirley Braunlich, Shel Cohen, Craig Freeman, Jane Freeman, Brad Guhr, Lorna Harder, Jeff Hansen, Michael Heffron, Marion McGlohon, Carroll Morgenson, Dwight Platt, Ann Simpson, Anita Smith, Sister Patricia Mae Stanley, Sandra Tholen, Gary Weisenberger, and Valerie Wright. Other KWS members present were John Shidler and Ruth Steinke.

Dwight Platt welcomed everyone and attendees introduced themselves around the table.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Craig Freeman moved to approve the minutes of the prior meeting. Roger Boyd seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Dwight Platt expressed concern about the dwindling KWS membership and asked about the possibility of using members as volunteers in projects to peak interest in the organization. During an earlier meeting to discuss plans for the annual meeting, Shel Cohen, Craig Freeman, Lorna Harder, Sister Patricia Stanley, and he came up with the idea of having break-out sessions at the membership meeting. At these sessions, which are scheduled for tomorrow, it is hoped attendees will contribute ideas to help increase membership and revitalize the organization.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership – Jane Freeman reported we currently have 286 members, of which 36 are gratis (other plant societies). Michael Heffron is teaching a “Wildflower and Weeds” course and has brought in a number of new members this year. The Dyck Arboretum also attracts new members to KWS through some of its programs. It was suggested that determine where our new members are finding out about KWS.

Outings – Jane Freeman thanked Shirley Braunlich for her assistance in compiling outings information from other like-minded groups. This is combined with outings information send to the administrative office and placed in the KWS newsletter events calendar. The events calendar periodically is sent to Shel

Cohen, who includes it in the newsletter, and to Lorna Harder, who posts it on the website.

Newsletter – Shel Cohen thanked everyone for article that they have submitted. He reminded the group that he is always in need of articles and artwork.

Education – Lorna Harder said that the Education Committee has not met lately, but that information about the new Patch Program is on the KWS website.

Book Sales – Carroll Morgenson reported just under \$300 in book sales in 2003. He also advised that *Tallgrass Prairie Wildflowers* by Ladd/Oberle is out of print. A question was asked if non-members could purchase at discount the books advertised in the newsletter. Valerie Wright stated that the discount was supposed to apply to members only. It was mentioned that a one-page flyer or bookmark with information about the Society could be sent with newly-purchased books stating that the book was provided as a service to KWS members. Another suggestion was to advertise a member's price and a non-member's price.

Wayside Award – Craig Freeman reported for Stephen Timme that no nominations were received this year. It was suggested that restructuring of the Wayside Award may be warranted. Further discussion was deferred.

Photo Contest – There was no report, and the contest was not being held at the membership meeting this year.

Mary Bancroft Memorial Scholarship – Craig Freeman reported for Stephen Timme that no applications were received in 2003.

Seed Exchange – Lorna Harder had no new information to report on the seed exchange.

Growing Native Wildflowers – Dwight Platt asked for volunteers to prepare new species treatments for Growing Native Wildflowers. Lorna Harder reported that she supplies copies of Growing Native Wildflowers to the Dyck Arboretum gift shop, where they continue to be a popular publication.

Kansas Wildflower of the Year – Carroll Morgenson advised the 2004 wildflower of the year is the Missouri evening-primrose.

KACEE – Anita Smith reported that the KACEE meeting will be November 7 and 8 in Manhattan. An afternoon session will be held at the Konza Prairie.

Nongame Wildlife Advisory Council – Gary Weisenberger reported that the council last met in the spring of 2003. The council will meet again in October 2003.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on plans for annual meeting - Craig Freeman noted the addition to the schedule at 9:45 AM of a presentation by Allison Hamm, 2002 recipient of the Mary Bancroft Memorial Scholarship. Valerie Wright asked how the planning session would be handled on Saturday. Craig said that moderators and scribes are assigned to facilitate discussion in each of four topics: conservation, education, field trips, and outreach. Ideas will then be compiled and summarized at the banquet in the afternoon.

KWS Website - Lorna Harder reported that the website is up and running. The address is <http://www.cs.hesston.edu/kws/>.

KWS Brochure – Lorna Harder advised a meeting is scheduled to complete the brochure design next Thursday, and it should be printed by the end of the year.

Policy for seeds in the Seed Exchange - Brad Guhr reported that the Seed Exchange Committee will be developing guidelines for collection and use of seeds. He stressed the importance of accurate identification and documentation of seed materials. Samples should be cleaned and identified to species. Location data and habitat information should be recorded, which may include associates, soil information, etc. A uniform packaging system should be adopted. No seeds from other states should be included. Care will be given even from Western to Eastern Kansas, 100 mile distance North-South and 200 mile distance East-West. Cultivars of seed should be continued. Non-native seed will not be included. Collect no more than 50% perennials and 10% of annuals. Brad will raise these ideas at the annual meeting and then the committee will formulate a "policy." Valerie suggested making this a more active program, possibly scheduling forays to collect seed.

Grow Native – Lorna Harder – no report.

KDOT Issues - Gary Weisenberger reported that KDOT is considering taking brome out of the seed mixture and replacing with native grass.

Nebraska Sandhills Van Tour 2003 – Lorna Harder reported that this year's van tour was well received and all attending had a wonderful time.

The Plant ID Course - Craig advised they were not pursuing this through KWS at this time but through the Kansas Biological Survey. Craig also explained a plant ID class that Steve Timme does by e-mail.

Newsletter format & cost of printing at Pittsburg State University – Stephen Timme provided information and Craig Freeman will give the information to incoming president Valerie Wright.

NEW BUSINESS

The Nominations Committee - Lorna Harder, Carroll Morgenson, and Craig Freeman presented a slate of officers and a new board member. Shel Cohen moved to accept the report of the Nominations Committee. Sister Patricia Stanley seconded the motion and motion carried. New board member is Nancy Goulden of Manhattan. President - Valerie Wright, President Elect – Jeff Hansen, Treasurer – Sister Patricia Stanley, and Secretary – Cindy Ford.

Van Tours - Lorna suggested a van tour to Eastern Colorado. She will also consider sites in Kansas per request of several board members. It will once again be a four day trip, Thursday through Sunday to be held in early June. Shel Cohen made a motion to support the idea of proceeding with a van tour. Carroll Morgenson seconded the motion and motion carried. Lorna will proceed with the van tour with publication in the January newsletter.

Spring Board Meeting - The Spring board meeting will be held April 3 at the Konza Prairie Research Station, Manhattan, KS.

Other New Business

Jane Freeman had received correspondence from a woman desiring to sell notecards at our annual meetings. It was a consensus of the group not to enter into this arrangement as it could jeopardize our nonprofit status.

A special thank you was extended to KWS by Julie Torseth of the Dyck Arboretum for our monetary assistance with Flora Kansas.

An address was given for concerns to be expressed regarding the out-of-print status of *Tallgrass Prairie Wildflowers*. Concerns should be addressed to Falcon Press - Globe-Pequot, 1-800-243-0495 or at 246 Goose Lane, Box 480, Guilford, Connecticut 06437.

Craig Freeman offered thanks and appreciation to Dwight Platt for serving as President this past year, and to Shel Cohen for his efforts and assistance with finalizing the plans for the annual meeting facilities and dinner.

Shel Cohen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Carroll Morgenson seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm.

Respectfully submitted for Cindy Ford by Anita Smith, Craig Freeman and Jane Freeman.

Minutes from General Membership Meeting; Saturday, Sept. 13

8:00-9:00 am – registration

8:30 am – Craig Freeman presented a slide show entitled “Rare members of the Asteraceae in Kansas.” Craig provided a hand-out.

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am by President Dwight Platt, who welcomed the attendees. President Platt called on Dr. Sheldon Cohen, who introduced Dr. Jerry Farley, President of Washburn University. Dr. Farley welcomed the attendees to Washburn University and highlighted the past association of the Society and the University.

President Platt called the business meeting to order at 9:15 am. He called for approval of the minutes of the 2002 annual meeting, which were printed in the KWS Newsletter. Carroll Morgenson moved for approval of the minutes. Shel Cohen seconded the motion, which passed on a unanimous voice vote.

President Platt called on committee chairs for brief reports:

Nominations Committee – Craig Freeman

Book Sales – Carroll Morgenson

Web Site – Lorna Harder

Seed Collection Policy – Brad Guhr

President Platt called on Craig Freeman, who introduced Allison Hamm, the recipient of the 2002 Bancroft Scholarship Award. Ms. Hamm was born in Iola, KS; grew up on the East Coast, moved back to Kansas around 1999. She received an M.S. degree in Environmental Studies at Friends University, Wichita, in 2003. Her presentation was based on some of her work for her Master’s degree, which involved studying planning options at the Dyck Arboretum in Hesston, KS.

Business meeting adjourned at 10:00 am by unanimous consent

10-10:20 am - break to cut 25th anniversary cake

At 10:20 am, Craig Freeman introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Larry Vickerman. Larry was born in Westcliffe, CO. He received his B.S. degree from Colorado State University and M.S. degree in Horticulture from the University of Washington. Larry served as Director of the Dyck Arboretum in Hesston, Kansas, from 1994-2000. He now serves as the El Paso County Horticultural and Natural Resource Agent for Colorado State University Extension Service. His talk is entitled “Kansas Native Plants – Beyond the Borders.” Larry provided a hand-out.

Talk concluded at 11:15 AM

Visioning session from 11:25-12:15 PM – see notes of session