

KANSAS NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY
SUMMER BOARD MEETING
12:00 – 3:00 p.m. July 8, 2006
Prairie Walk 9:00 a.m.
Butler Community College
El Dorado KS

Members Present: Jeff Hansen, Carl Paulie, Krista Dahlinger, Fred Coombs, Nancy Coombs, Nancy Goulden, Craig Freeman, Jane Freeman, Michael Heffron, Valerie Wright, June Kliesen, Phyllis Scherich, and guests, Evelyn Reed, KNPS member, and Julie and Elizabeth Coombs, granddaughters of Fred and Nancy Coombs

Welcome and Minutes: President Jeff Hansen called the meeting to order and welcomed all. Each person introduced themselves. Jeff asked for corrections or additions to the minutes of the April meeting. With corrections of a few typos June Kliesen moved we accept the minutes as corrected. Second by Fred Coombs. Passed.

Travel Expenses: Jeff asked for reimbursement for travel expenses for his trip to Rock Springs KATS meeting. After a discussion by the group Nancy Goulden moved that KNPS reimburse board members, when requested, for approved trips upon show of receipts, second by Craig Freeman. Passed.

Administrative Assistant Position: Jane Freeman indicated one application has been received for the administrative assistant for KNPS. She suggested we need an application form and interview and hiring process. Craig suggested we moved ahead with this around October 1. Jane, Craig, Jeff and Shirley Braunlich were appointed to determine guidelines and the process. They will make a recommendation at the Annual board meeting. The Board will then make the final decision on how to fill the position.

Memberships: Jane reported 27 new members since April 1. This makes 375 current members. Two board resignations have been received this year. Donna Cooper effective 3/30/06 and Allison Hamm effective 6/6/06. Ann Feyerharm has had some medical issues. Jane will send a card from the Board.

Partner with KDWP: Jeff asked if KNPS would like to partner with KDWP for managing the Koblenz Prairie. After discussion it was decided Jeff would schedule a work day with a specific purpose at the Koblenz Prairie next year. It was suggested Shirley Braunlich will head it up. Jeff will ask Shirley if she will do that.

Wildflower Tours: Nancy Goulden suggested we contact local conservation districts about partnering with KNPS in organizing more wildflower tours. KNPS would offer tour leaders information on how to organize a tour and the Conservation districts will organize and host the tours. Krista Dahlinger volunteered to work on this project. June Kliesen suggested a pamphlet be written for distribution to interested parties on how to organize a tour.

Web Site Update: Jeff announced the web site has been updated and “cleaned up”. A discussion followed on whether KNPS is still interested in keeping a list of speakers available for local events. The outcome of this discussion seemed to be that if someone is interested in a speaker

they simply need to contact KNPS and express their desire. The info could be passed on by the List Serve to KNPS members who would like to volunteer.

Slide Collection: It was re-noted that KNPS has received a slide collection of about 30,000 slides, and the main KNPS slide collection contains some 3,000 slides. Many of these are gradually deteriorating and need to be scanned to archive them and to make them more widely available to KNPS members. Craig will bring an estimate (the cost of scanning 1,000 slides) to the next meeting. At that time it will be decided if KNPS would like to pay this cost to have it done.

Lithograph Collection: Carl Paulie announced that the Martin & Osa Johnson Safari Museum in Chanute has received a group of antique lithographs. Vi Thorne (620-431-9673) has volunteered to go through the plant ones and put a showing together for the museum. She would like to have assistance from KNPS to sort and add ID names to them. Carl suggested that after the showing is ready that an annual meeting of KNPS be held in Chanute featuring this collection. For more info contact Jaqueline Borgeson, 111 N. Lincoln Ave, Chanute www.safarimuseum.com.

Carl will write an article on the lithographs for the newsletter. Michael Heffron and Nancy Goulden, among others, indicated they would be interested in viewing these.

Fall Meeting: Flowers, Food, Fun and More at Holton! Fred Coombs distributed information on the Annual Meeting that will be in the next newsletter and on the website. Fred and Nancy have an interesting and organized weekend planned.

Fred recommended we offer Ernest Kratina, Steve and Sally Illif each a 1-year membership in KNPS (and a free poster) for allowing KNPS access to their prairie's during the fall meeting. He also included Betsy Allen for a 1-year membership for her presentation at the Annual Meeting. Craig moved we do so, Nancy G. second. Passed.

Awards: Valerie presented applicants for awards and moved we accept them. Rachel Snyder Award – Jackson Street Stormwater Improvements Project and Excellence in Botany Award– Anita Smith. Second by June. Passed. Jeff will send a letter of invitation to award winners. Jane will arrange for preparation of the plaques for each award.

Planning for Next Year:

Nancy G. suggested we should have a publishing assistant/trainee for Sister Pat with the Newsletter. Krista volunteered to contact Sister Pat and offer assistance, if Sister Pat will accept.

Nancy G. suggested we need to involve the membership more in the organization – not just the board members. Some ideas were to form more local “chapters” with socials, etc.

Valerie suggested we should have at least one non-board member on each committee. She acted on this by announcing she will ask Dr. Carolyn Ferguson and husband, Mark Mayfield, to serve on the awards committee. She moved that every committee chair should invite a “member” to be part of their committee, Second by June. Passed.

Another idea is to feature one non-board member in each newsletter.

Also to get pictures of non-board members in the newsletters, for instance, on flowers tours and other projects.

Nancy will write an article for the newsletter addressing more membership involvement.

At promptly 3:00 Michael moved we adjourn. Krista second. Passed. After adjournment Michael led another foray to Eldorado Lake for those interested.

Action Items:

- ❖ Jane, Craig, Jeff, Shirley - Develop application form, guidelines, and process for hiring new Ad. Assist.
- ❖ Jane - card to Ann
- ❖ Jeff - talk to Shirley about scheduling a work day at Koblenz for KNPS next year
- ❖ Krista - contact local conservation offices
- ❖ June K - construct pamphlet on how to organize a wildflower tour ???
- ❖ Craig - determine cost of scanning 1000 photos
- ❖ Michael Heffron & Nancy G - check into setting a date this winter to sort thru lithographs
- ❖ Someone ? (Fred and Nancy?) - offer 1-year membership in KNPS to Ernest and Sally
- ❖ Jeff - send invitations to annual meeting to award winners
- ❖ Jane – arrange for preparation of the plaques for each award
- ❖ Krista - contact Sister Pat about a newsletter assistant editor
- ❖ All board chairs - invite a non-board member to be on your committee
- ❖ Nancy G - write newsletter article on more membership involvement
- ❖ Carl Paulie - write newsletter article on lithographs
- ❖ **Everyone - make reservations for Annual Meeting**