

**Kansas Native Plant Society
Board of Directors Summer Meeting
July 12, 2008 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Milford Lake Nature Center
Milford Lake KS**

Members present were: Evelyn Reed, Jeff Hansen, Krista Dahlinger, Craig Freeman, Jane Freeman, Carl Paulie, Shirley Braulich, Mike Haddock, Nancy Goulden, Ann Feyerharm, Jocelyn Baker, Earl Allen, Nancy Coombs, Fred Coombs, Valerie Wright, Dee Scherich, Phyllis Scherich, Iralee Barnard, Michael Heffron.

President Michael Heffron called the meeting to order. The April meeting minutes were discussed. Jeff moved they be accepted. Seconded by Craig. Approved.

Michael reminded members of the Fall Board meeting in Hays at 1:00 p.m. at the Sternberg Museum and the Winter Board meeting at the Kirby House in Abilene Jan. 17 (snow date Jan. 24), 2009. The group decided to hold the Spring 2009 Board meeting at the Overland Park Arboretum April 18 or 25. Craig will check it out. Nancy G. moved we set Sept. 18-20 for the 2009 AWW. Seconded by Ann. Approved. The location will be determined later.

Nancy G. called for a Treasurer's Report. Sister Pat, treasurer, was not in attendance and had not sent one. Krista relayed that as soon as she returns from France they intend to do the paperwork required to transfer Sr. Pat's duties to Krista.

Jeff reported on the AWW planning and reviewed the agenda which is posted on the KNPS website. All parts of the weekend are now in place. Phyllis will check with KOS to see how KNPS can collaborate with KOS during our 2008 AAW weekend, since both organizations will be meeting in Hays.

Jane read a letter informing us that unless it is renewed the non-profit mailing permit from Wichita for KNPS will expire. Since the organization now has the non-profit mailing permit from Topeka, the consensus of the group is to let the one from Wichita expire.

The 30th Anniversary celebration for KNPS was discussed. Nancy G. suggested that we have a collection of memories and the KNPS scrapbook on display. She also suggested we have a birthday cake commemorating it on Saturday morning at the business meeting. Charter members of KNPS will be extended a special invitation and will be honored.

Valerie moved that we appoint a committee for planning the 30th anniversary events, seconded by Evelyn. Approved. Iralee, Valerie, Nancy & Evelyn agreed to serve on the committee.

Michael complimented Nancy on the Fall Newsletter that is currently "in the mail". Nancy had a copy of it for members to view at the meeting. She urged members to sign up to cover various parts of the AAW meeting. She will supply a list of events to be covered for the next newsletter.

Jane reported that KNPS has gained 61 new members this year. Of these 38 have been added since our last meeting.

Iralee made a policy suggestion. She asked the group to "rethink" automatic donations. After discussion it was ascertained that the "automatic" donations have to be voted on each year, so it is not an issue. She

suggested that KNPS set aside funds for members who are willing to volunteer to promote KNPS at walks, booths, and the like to help with gas mileage. No action was taken.

Nancy G. would like to see KNPS provide education to land managers and others. Jeff and Iralee are going to work on materials related to native plant identification that could be used as handouts for landowners and managers.

Nancy G. reported on the Little Bluestem project. She suggested KNPS needs to make a big push before and after school starts to get more support from teachers and students. She suggested area teachers be invited to the AWW meeting. She noted that there will be a Little Bluestem display and presentation during the business meeting.

Valerie reported for the Awards committee. She has one request for the Landscape Award. The recipient will be Meredith Fry. She has a class project at Washburn University to expand an existing small garden to a larger wildflower garden. She has made the garden her "transformational experience", a required program at Washburn to do in depth work of creativity or research. She has committed to maintain the garden for the next three years while she is at Washburn. Meredith is a member of KNPS and was at the Holton meeting with her dad.

There are no requests for the scholarship award.

Valerie suggested KNPS add a new award for outstanding service to KNPS. Valerie moved we add this award and name it the *Shel Cohen Award for Outstanding Service to KNPS*. Seconded by Shirley. Approved. Valerie will check with Sheldon for his consent.

Fred Coombs reported on the Roadside Management Position Paper of KNPS, which was sent to KNPS board members via email. After discussion he moved it be accepted. Mike seconded it. Approved unanimously by the group, after Nancy G. called for the vote.

Valerie reminded members about the Photo Contest at the AWW and encouraged all to enter. She also thanked the Board for the contribution to the Konza Prairie for education.

Fred C. asked for direction from the group as to where the Policy Committee needs to go on the Roadside Management plan. He explained that the current plan doesn't limit spraying on non-highways across the state. He suggested forming a coalition of counties to address this issue.

Michael and Earl relayed an idea from the Financial Committee to establish a Legacy Fund (account) of "new money" that can go into investments to be used for projects "to enhance" KNPS. More information will be given at the Fall Meeting.

The meeting was suspended to allow committees to meet, then they reported back.
Meeting adjourned.