

**Kansas Native Plant Society
Fall Board Meeting
Kansas Wetland Education Center
Great Bend, KS
1–3 pm
September 17, 2010**

Members present: Earl Allen, Jocelyn Baker, Iralee Barnard, Shirley Braunlich, Allen Casey, Fred Coombs, Nancy Coombs, Krista Dahlinger, Mickey Delfelder, Craig Freeman, Jane Freeman, Nancy Goulden, Mike Haddock, Michael Heffron, Jeff Hansen, June Kliesen, Frank Norman, Susan Reimer, Dee Scherich, Phyllis Scherich, Sister Patricia Stanley, Dave Welfelt, and Valerie Wright.

President Craig Freeman welcomed everyone and made a few announcements. He said that Curtis Wolf, Manager of the Kansas Wetland Center, would speak about the center after the meeting before giving a tour of Cheyenne Bottoms.

Phyllis moved, June seconded, to accept the minutes of the April 17, 2010 board meeting; motion carried.

President Craig Freeman spoke briefly about tomorrow's general meeting in the Great Bend Public Library and area visits over the weekend. Sunday we will meet at Pawnee Rock for an excursion to Marla and Bud Brocher's property on the Arkansas River.

Roadside Vegetation Management Committee. Craig passed around a sheet showing members, goals, objectives, and timeframe of this newly created committee. Committee members are Fred Coombs (chair), Allen Casey, Mickey Delfelder, Anne Feyerharm, Mike Haddock, Jeff Hansen, Kathy Tidwell, and Diane Barker. Craig offered to help facilitate a meeting and said that others are welcome to attend. Fred will set up a meeting soon and give a progress report at the winter board meeting.

Nominations Committee Report. Mike Haddock, Chair of Nominations Committee, passed around an information sheet. Current KNPS officers agreed to serve another 1-year term each and

were voted on as a slate; slate passed. The slate of officers will be presented to the general membership tomorrow. All board members with expiring terms also agreed to serve another 3-year term except for two members: Sister Patricia Stanley who has served since 1985 in several different capacities, and Julie Torseth, who is stepping down due to some family health issues. The names of two new board members, Allen Casey from Topeka and Chelsea Juricek from Stockton, will be submitted tomorrow at the general meeting for membership approval.

Budget Update. Krista noted that people are really using our PayPal website for purchases ranging from AWW lunches to clothing and printed merchandise. Income from membership dues is less than half of what we anticipated for the calendar year, but we hope to make up the difference in the remaining calendar year when most members renew. Steve Timme's book has brought in over \$750.00. One CD matured this year; donations are down. To date we have about \$6300 in income, with the last quarter to go we should see more by year's end. Krista thinks we are fine but not flush, and we should think about putting money back into CDs. Expenses are about where we thought they would be. The value of the Legacy Fund is currently \$2,866.16. Sister Pat moved, Mike seconded, acceptance of the treasurer's report.

Publicity and Outreach Committee. Jeff gave committee recommendations regarding non-profit funding requests, totaling \$1300, as follows: \$300 to the Kansas Grazing Lands Coalition for scholarships, and \$500 each for educational programs to the Dyck Arboretum and to the Konza Environmental Education Program (KEEP). Fred moved, Dave seconded, that we accept the committee's recommendations; motion passed.

Tallgrass Prairie Wildflower Weekend Report. Nancy Goulden said KNPS did a great job. She also remarked that there were 14 KNPS people there on both days, nine of whom were ready to lead hikes from 10AM-3:30PM. However, only a few participants took hikes; she wondered how to promote getting people on the hikes. Perhaps we should consider doing just morning hikes or just helping one day. She recommends trying to find a way to make it work better. Craig noted that most of his participation during the bus trip was when the

bus was stopped and riders were off the bus. Dave, Frank, Iralee, Earl, and others also commented on the pros and cons of our participation. Susan remarked that she appreciated small groups of two or three people on hikes. Nancy said that about 200 of the new booklet "A Pocket Guide To Kansas Flint Hills Wildflowers and Grasses" authored by Iralee were given out.

Newsletter Update. Nancy Goulden reminded members that the October issue is devoted to the Annual Wildflower Weekend (AWW). She would like all members to send her writing and/or photos of interesting events at the AWW that would offer a sample of the weekend to readers.

Facebook Update. Mickey reported that 355 fans are on our Facebook page. He makes postings at least once a week. He feels it is yet another way to advertise KNPS to an eclectic membership.

Other Business.

a. Funding for other Great Plains Nature Center wildflower guides. Iralee said that the Tallgrass Legacy Alliance suggested the new booklet and backed it with \$5,000. If someone is willing (funding/writing) there could be more booklets on other Kansas plant areas. This is the 7th booklet in the series. Craig said if others supply funding, KNPS could provide the expertise. Initially 21,000 were printed at a little less than fifty cents each.

b. Workshops. Jeff suggested offering workshops on other plant aspects, in different parts of the state, for example medicinal plants, dyeing with plants.

c. Kansas Children's Discovery Center in Topeka. Mickey said that Topeka is building a science/education center the blueprint of which includes a native prairie. Mickey offered to find out if they want KNPS help with plant selection. Valerie said that a landscaping firm is doing Manhattan's center. Craig suggested that Mickey keep KNPS informed on the Topeka plans.

d. Little Bluestem. Valerie said we need to keep Little Bluestem interest going. Ken O'Dell informed her that there are several nurseries that sell Little Bluestem. Shirley said "Woodlands

and Prairies” magazine will have her article on Little Bluestem this fall.

e. License plates. Phyllis said our supply is low. She ordered 12 more license plates for \$180.00 and needs reimbursement. The cost on our website will be \$25.00 per license plate.

f. Locations of future board meetings. The winter meeting will be January 22, 2011 in Emporia. The location of the spring meeting will be decided later, either in Wichita or Overland Park, on either April 16 or 23. The summer meeting will be July 16, 2011 at the Kansas State University Hale Library in Manhattan, with a field excursion to the Konza Prairie Biological station.

g. Location for 2011 AWW. Perhaps it will be in Lawrence; the date is September 17, 2011. Spooner Hall is available.

At 3PM Jeff moved to adjourn; Frank seconded.

Minutes submitted by Nancy Coombs, Secretary, on Monday, September 20, 2010.