

**Kansas Native Plant Society**  
**Fall Board Meeting Friday, Sept. 21, 12-2 p.m.**  
**201 Southwestern College**  
**Winfield KS**

**Board Members Present:** Earl Allen, Jocelyn Baker, Iralee Barnard, Shirley Braunlich, Krista Dahlinger, Cindy Ford, Craig C. Freeman, Jane Freeman, Nancy Goulden, Brad Guhr, Mike Haddock, Jeff Hansen, Michael Heffron, Chelsea Juricek, June Kliesen, Susan Reimer, Dee Scherich, Phyllis Scherich, Dave Welfelt, Valerie Wright

**Guests:** Rondi Anderson, Diane Barker, James Bresnahan, Mary Jo Kearns, Phyllis Luedke

**Welcome:** President Elect, Mike Haddock, in the absence of president, Mickey Delfelder, welcomed all and asked each to stand and introduce themselves.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mike moved the printed minutes of the July 14th meeting be approved. It was seconded by Valerie. Motion approved.

**2012 AWW Planning Report**

**Outings:** Jeff gave an overview of the planned weekend outings.

**Silent Auction:** Krista reported on the planned Silent Auction for the business meeting Saturday. She also told about a raffle to be held for an Eight Wonders of Kansas book, donated by Krista. Raffle tickets will be \$1 each.

**Photo contest:** Valerie talked about this year's photo contest. She then led a discussion about using digital entries next year. This will allow more time for judging, provide a digital image of winning entries to use in the newsletter, will save the need to print all the pictures. It was the consensus of the group to have images submitted before the 2013 AWW meeting. A Power Point presentation of winning entries will be shown at the meeting. Entrants may still display printed pictures of on-line entries at the meeting.

**Awards:** Valerie reported that Fred and Nancy Coombs have been selected to received the Sheldon H. Cohen Award this year.

**Non-profit Funding Award:** A discussion was held concerning a monetary award from KNPS to the Kansas Grazing Lands Coalition. Jeff moved to award \$300. This will be awarded at \$150 - one at East location, one at West location. Seconded by Iralee. Approved.

**Craig** asked for assistance for set-up and tear-down on Saturday at Annual meeting at Wroten Hall.

**2012 Budget** - Krista commented on the printed Budget report. She reported that KNPS's final CD has matured at Equity Bank. KNPS is currently using Commerce Bank. Krista presented a motion to close out the Equity Bank account of \$11,000.00 plus and transfer all money to a savings account at Commerce Bank. All KNPS funds will now be at Commerce Bank. Motion seconded by David. Approved.

**Legacy Fund** - Krista reported \$3725.00 contributed to Legacy Fund. It now has a value of \$4676.00. Total assets of KNPS are currently \$21,036.75.

**Nominations Committee Report:** Mike & Valerie gave a report of the committee. Earl Allen, Shirley Braulich, Mickey Delfelder, Cindy Ford, Craig Freeman, & Nancy Goulden have been nominated for an additional 3-year term on the Board of Directors.

Nadine Champlin, Lenora Larson, and Matthew Richter have been nominated to become new board members and have submitted their "biographies".

The following have been nominated as officers for the 2013 year:

Secretary - Nancy Coombs

Treasurer - Krista Dahlinger

President Elect - Mike Haddock

President - Mickey Delfelder

**Vote on slate of officers:** Approval of the presented slate of officers was given by an unanimous vote of the Board.

**Scholarships:** Jeff asked that a commitment on when scholarships will be awarded be made. It was decided that it will be awarded to winners within a month after the selection has been made. This info will be included on the application form. Craig added that Grasslands Heritage has been offering additional (matching) funds to KNPS recipients.

**Newsletter Update:** Nancy G. asked for members to volunteer to write articles on AWW, She passed a sign-up sheet for those willing to do so. Deadline for articles is Sept 25. Pictures may be sent to Nancy or Karen Hummel. Jocelyn asked for pictures for the brochure.

**Brochure and Outings:** Jocelyn and Shirley asked for any updates for 2013.

**Dates for 2013 Board Meetings/Outings:**

1/26 - 2/2 as backup - Great Plains Nature Center - ESU backup

4/13 - - Dillon Nature Center (maybe Spring Tour)

7/13 - - Maybe Dillon Nature Center if below works out

9/27,28,29 or 9-13,14,15 2013 AWW location - McPherson area

Craig is considering organizing a mid-May trip to Smoky Hills, southern Logan Co, Lake Scott, Castle Rock - Thur to Sun, perhaps Oakley, Scott City, MAYBE late April to mid-May.

**Kansas Symbols Posters & Red Hills Wildflowers Pocket Book:** Phyllis secured a supply of Kansas Symbols from the Great Plains Nature Center. They are available to board members today.

She also asked for endorsement from KNPS for the upcoming Red Hills Pocket Book. The group agreed to endorse it.

**Little Bluestem Committee report:** Valerie passed out bookmarks with seasonal pictures of Little Bluestem to be used to promote it.

Valerie and Nancy G are making promotional materials available.

Nancy G moved we set aside \$500 for Little Bluestem promotion. Seconded by Cindy. Approved. Nancy distributed a sheet with recommendations to members on ways to promote awareness of Little Bluestem as the newest state symbol.

**Website Update:** Jeff gave a report and a "traffic report" of the website.

5600 visits this quarter, 15,000 page views, 80,000 page views for year  
e-mail group 710 members

770 pages to website - 70 added since last report

**Decals:** Jeff reported the new decals will be available tomorrow - 50 have been printed. They will sell for \$5.00 each.

**KNPS Symbol:** Brad suggested an updated version of the KNPS symbol. He will look into it.

Rondi Anderson suggested we add an “art form” category to the Photo Contest for creativity. No action was taken. Photo contest committee will make the decision.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Phyllis Scherich, in the absence of Nancy Coombs, secretary.