

Kansas Native Plant Society Winter Board Meeting
Great Plains Nature Center, 6232 E. 29th Street North,
Wichita, KS 67220
January 26, 2013; 12-3 PM

Board Members Present: Earl Allen, Jocelyn Baker, Shirley Braunlich, Nadine Champlin, Fred Coombs, Nancy Coombs, Krista Dahlinger, Mickey Delfelder, Chelsea J. Erickson, Cindy Ford, Craig Freeman, Jane Freeman, Nancy Goulden, Mike Haddock, Jeff Hansen, Michael Heffron, Lenora Larson, Ken O'Dell, Susan Reimer, Matthew Richter, Valerie Wright. **Guests Present:** Bob Champlin, Ruth Steinke

Welcome: President Mickey Delfelder welcomed attendees. Craig introduced long time board member Ruth Steinke. Jeff moved the minutes of the September 21, 2012, board meeting be approved; Mike Haddock seconded the motion. Approved.

Review of 2012 Budget: Krista reviewed the 2012 budget, noting that income and expenditures were about \$20,000 for the year with slightly more in the expense column. Craig moved to accept the report, Shirley seconded. All approved the 2012 budget report.

Discussion and Approval of 2013 Budget: Krista listed various sources of income for the 2013 budget, with about \$15,500 anticipated from paid memberships. Discussion of expenses followed with several proposals to increase the Administrative Assistant's salary. Michael Heffron moved to increase the salary to \$14.00/hour for an estimated 140 hours/year, to be paid quarterly. Ken seconded the motion; it passed unanimously. Discussion then shifted to the budget item for Little Bluestem that was set at \$500.00. A motion was made by Nancy G. to accept the budget with the two above amendments; Valerie seconded. The motion passed with one abstention.

2013 Outings: Shirley announced plans for a June 15 trip to the Barnhardt remnant prairie in Leavenworth County and a June 19 outing to Margie Stewart's in Manhattan. She also urged everyone to get any other proposed outings to her for publication in the new 2013 brochure.

2013 KNPS Brochure: Jocelyn reported that 7,000 new brochures will be ready by March. She mails brochures to 418 sites; people may request copies they need for events.

Newsletter: Nancy G. solicited ideas for the April newsletter. Mickey suggested a piece about the ethics of collecting seeds. Craig said the Plant Resources Committee has some information on the website; Joc and Jeff's work with the Chicago Botanical Garden is another source. Nancy then noted the dedication and excellence of Layout Editor, Karen Hummel. Craig suggested sending Karen a note of thanks; Michael Heffron suggested doing an article featuring Karen. Craig said that a brief article about KNPS will appear in an upcoming issue of Jayhawk Audubon. Chelsea offered to help with the KNPS newsletter.

AWW Committee Report: Shirley said September 13-15, 2013, are the dates for the AWW in McPherson. Discussion followed on meeting site selection. Matthew and Susan will review space options and report back. Ideas for outings and speakers were put forward and will be explored.

Little Blue Committee Activity Report: Valerie said that along with the Kansas Department of Education and the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts, the committee has been getting Little Bluestem material to the public. Nancy G., Valerie, and Diane Barker have visited the classrooms of eight teachers reaching 160 students in Manhattan. The Little Blue website has been updated, newspapers and other print resources have published a press release, and bookmarks and a new poster are now available. Ken asked if there will be a standard bookmark, Valerie said there are now five bookmarks on Kansas icons. Susan mentioned Kansas Day activities at the Kauffman Museum. Lenora requested a photo of Little Blue to go with the press releases; Jeff will do a QR code, mobile optimized.

Wildflower of the Year 2015: Ken said the Plant Resources Committee recommends *Asclepias viridis* (Spider Milkweed, Green Antelopehorn) as the Wildflower of the Year for 2015. Valerie moved to approve the selection, Shirley seconded. Accepted. Earlier selections were Little Bluestem (2013) and Blue-eyed Grass (2014).

The meeting concluded with brief website and membership reports from Jeff, followed by a discussion on the importance of process documentation regarding work done by officers, the administrative assistant, and the web master for future office holders. The Spring Board meeting will be at noon on Saturday, April 13 at Karlyle Woods in Topeka. The Summer Board meeting will be at 1 pm on Saturday, July 13 at the Dillon Nature Center in Hutchison, with a 9 AM outing prior to the meeting. Jeff moved, Earl seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Coombs, Secretary

Post Script: The following information was emailed from the web master to the secretary for inclusion in the minutes:

From February 9, 2012 to January 26, 2013 total visits to the website were 26, 826; unique visits were 21,863; and page views were 65,827.

As of January 24, 2013 the Google Group had 726 members. The site had 856 pages/PDFs, 776 were indexed by Google.