

Minutes of June 12, 2019 Board Meeting

Attended: R. Kemmerick, C. Kernler, H. Meyers, E. Pfannkoch, B. Nigon, S. Powers, R. Yaeger

Absent: Mark Stopyro, Dawn Littleton

Guests present: Walt Nigon, Gary Donovan

Agenda Items: Meeting held at CW park office.

- 1) Secretary's report: April 2019 minutes approved.
- 2) Treasurer report: Mark was not present. Barb reviewed deposits and bills. Tires for trailer and Driftless movie at Roch. Public Library, food for movie are all paid for.

Old Business

- 1) Insurance for burn equipment: not available. Can get insurance for trailer through truck owner's insurance, but not anything in it. If storage trailer was stolen or wrecked, burn trailer is worth ~\$3000 and actually belongs to PS. Discussion re: insure as personal item & PS will reimburse?
- 2) Banner for events is not done. Barb will contact Minutemen Press to find out the status of this.
- 3) Burn classes discussed. Consensus was that market might be saturated, and we should wait for awhile to do another one. Ed mentioned Pheasants Forever and National Wild Turkey as outreach opportunities - they might be interested in burning. Ed will ask about tabling at that event.
- 4) Ryan asked what PS can do to encourage homeowners to put in a small garden of native plants rather than exotic plants that pollinators can't use. Suggestions made - will follow up individually

New Business

- 1) Upcoming programs: Jeff has resigned from board for personal reasons. Programs not yet scheduled. Ed and Susan will work on programs. Anyone with suggestions for programs please contact either one. Ruthann asked that we think about doing tabling outreach at local events like Chatfield Days and the County Fair to get the Prairie Smoke name out there.
- 2) People's Food co-op 'beans for bags' program: Ryan reported. If people bring their own bag, they get a bean they can put in the PS jar. The Co-op will give us a percentage of their profits for the month, depending on how many beans are in the jar.
- 3) PS member Frank Bowers passed away unexpectedly and left PS a \$700 donation. Barb and Walt will help them sort out a garage full of seeds for CRP. He also needed to burn his CRP land so Barb sent all burn plans to his daughter. Barb suggested that we tab his money for putting in prairie at a local school or something similar, or maybe a Master Naturalist scholarship, etc.. Several suggestions were made. Barb sent a TY note.
- 4) Helen asked that we come out to visit her prairie when the forbs were in bloom. After 31 yrs, her land was no longer qualified for CRP, so she enrolled in the Pollinator Program. It is looking great now.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting: Thursday, Aug 22nd.

R. Yaeger, sec'ty