

## Minutes of August 16, 2017 Board Meeting

Attended: R. Kemmerick, D. Littleton, B. Nigon, S. Powers, M. Stopyro, R. Yaeger

Absent: C. Kernler, J. Summerfield

### Agenda Items:

- 1) Secretary's report: June minutes approved.
- 2) Treasurer report: Mark presented report. He sent in the year-end Chapter 309 form extension and will complete this later, Chuck did N-909 for year. Incorrect bank statement needs to be amended. Two checks to Friends of Chester Woods were discussed - \$100 was for burn class, but second \$100 check was unexplained. Currently have two checkbooks, need to consolidate to one. End balance is now \$11,560.26. Grants for QH and Indian Heights are still outstanding. T-shirt sales noted. Mark reminded board that all receipts and deposits need to be itemized.

### Old Business

1. Annual get-together : Reiterated: Chester Woods for fall picnic at Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.
2. Field trips: 1) Assisi Heights tour - need to look into this further, and perhaps coordinate with tour of Indian Heights. Likely a Sunday in October 22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>. Dawn and Mark will coordinate after Barb selects dates. Adopt a Highway by PS considered. Pros and cons discussed. Barb and Walt already do 90<sup>th</sup> St. so could be a PS project instead.  
**Motion:** To adopt this road for PS. Passed unanimously.
3. Cost of T-shirts was reiterated. Will be \$4 shipping for T-shirt, otherwise \$10
4. Do Not Mow or Spray Signs: Susan checked estimates which were \$14.50 (vinyl) and \$25.53 (metal) per 9x12 sign to be sold for private property. Could go with 7x9 size. Dawn's estimate from Prairie Moon was for \$28 for customized color sign. **Motion:** to table discussion re: signs and awning for events until Jeff can provide further information. Passed.
5. PS Gmail acct. Ryan had asked about the Gmail page heading. It was coming across as Prairie Smoke administration. Brian changed this to Prairie Smoke.
- 7: Other Old Business: 4H check was sent. Ruthann reported that People of Hope event went well, two bandannas were sold. Seed collection on private property discussed. Scott Walker at Cascade Meadows called. Should we send out note to members to ask if they would like to share their seeds with other members or allow seed collection on their property as an option? Ryan will prepare a note to be put on the Gmail or web page.  
**Motion:** to have Ryan prepare a note to send out. Passed.

### New Business

1. Seed packets for handouts. Shooting Star can provide prairie seeds for tiny packets that we could be divided into for handouts. Ruthann offered to make a sticker for packets. Barb will check on prices at Shooting Star.
2. Equipment: Burn wagon needs to be painted. LP backpack torch is still missing. Ryan will send out note to burn group asking if anyone has knowledge of whereabouts of this.

3. AARP looking for Community service event. Dawn will talk to Jay about possibilities.
- 4: Right of Way: Dawn found out from WI people that they use plant growth regulator to slow down grass growth. Discussion ensued regarding wisdom of using chemicals like this whose long term effects are not known. Ruthann reported on her experience at the Rochester Park Board mtg. Lots of self-serving reasons had been given for keeping City park border mowed. She supported Parks by presenting many reasons for allowing native plants in the city parks.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: Sept Annual Picnic

R. Yaeger, sec'ty