

Minutes of April 30, 2017 Board Meeting

Attended: R. Kemmerick, C. Kernler, B. Nigon, S. Kaufman, S. Powers, M. Stopyro, J. Summerfield, R. Yaeger
Absent: D. Littleton
Guest: P. Kemmerick

Agenda Items:

- 1) Secretary's report: Feb minutes approved.
- 2) Treasurer: Chuck presented report. Will put T-shirt sales into separate category in the future. Chuck asked Ryan to take over membership duties. Ryan agreed to do this. Ruthann will send him the renewal postcard and letter.

Old Business

1. Annual get-together: Will meet at Chester Woods for fall picnic at Sunday, September 17th
2. Field trips: Assisi Hgts and Indian Hgts park, date TBA. FOX Spring Fest Ryan, Susan and Mark will help with tabling. Fall burns discussed. Prairie Moon field trip discussed. They requested that we come on day of their open house and limit group to 10 people. Barb will clarify. Hormel Nature Center, Pork & Plants, Paul Wotzka at Weaver Gardens farm and Weaver Dunes trips were also suggested. Sunday June 11th for Weaver Dune trip.
3. Website: Sharon has revised the website - looks great! Changes discussed. Sharon requested that all changes and corrections to website go through one person and not be sent directly to her. She stated that all board members should know what will be posted on the web. Barb requested that they come to her to be sent in batches to Sharon rather than piecemeal. Discussion ensued on items to put on web.
4. T-shirt sales: **Motion:** Sell shirts at \$10 for short-sleeved, \$12 for long-sleeved and bandanna to sell for \$3 each. Motion passed. Cost was \$5.20 for short and \$9.50 for long. Bandanna cost unknown. New members get one free. Sweatshirts will be discussed in August.

New Business

1. Donation: Izaak Walton League sent letter requesting help with their restoration. Chuck gave them mulch once and some PS members are Ikes members too. **Motion:** to donate \$35. Passed with two nays. **Motion:** To donate \$100 to Friends of Chester Woods for burn class. Passed unanimously.
2. Burn equipment back. Only burned about 40 acres this year. Barb has kept running list of acres burned every year. No one borrowed radios this year. Got more stuff from Andrea - cleaned and washed burn clothes, shrouds, etc. No new equipment needed.
3. Request: Honey producer requested prairies to place bee hives. Chuck took care of this.
4. Policy manual: reviewed and discussed. A couple of minor changes were suggested and accepted. **Motion:** to accept policy manual with changes. Passed unanimously.
5. Cascade Meadows: leadership is now St. Mary's (Winona). They took over building. Future use of premises is unclear. Prairie is worth visiting though.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: June 7th.

R. Yaeger, sec'ty