



After the tour of the Eunice Prairie. Photo by M. Vidrine.

Minutes
The Cajun Prairie Habitat Preservation Society, Inc.
April 8, 2017

The business meeting was called to order at Rocky's Restaurant in Eunice, LA at noon on April 8, 2017, by Margaret Frey.

Old Business:

Malcolm Vidrine provided minutes from the previous meeting. Charles Allen moved for the acceptance of the minutes, and Patricia Lewis seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Patricia Lewis provided a treasurer's report. Charles Allen motioned for acceptance of the report. Brian Early seconded the motion. The report was accepted by a unanimous vote.

Brian Early motioned that Lifetime Memberships be created at \$500 per individual and \$800 per couple/family. Patricia Lewis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Marc Pastorek led a short discussion on collaborating with the National Park Service in Eunice in an effort to integrate the prairie gardens into the National Park functions in Eunice.

Brian Early updated the group on the status of naming a State Grass.

New Business:

Stephen Nevitt, Vice President, was appointed to lead a group that would develop a maintenance plan and implement it, including guiding the society into hiring a firm to get the project into management readiness. A committee volunteer sheet was provided for members to sign on.

Announcements:

- Malcolm Vidrine announced that Dave McNamara (WNOE) had collected movie footage and interviews with Margaret Frey for an upcoming 3 minute news program.
- Betty Miley (maypophill@gmail.com) announced that funds were available to provide talks. She needed brochures from the Cajun Prairie group for audiences that she addresses.
- Brian Early presented Chris Reid (State Botanist, Louisiana Natural Heritage Program, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries) with the Cajun Prairie's Charles M. Allen's Volunteer award that was provided by the Coastal Prairie Partnership.



The Fall meeting was tentatively set for August 26th, following a motion by Charles Allen, seconded by Jackie Duncan, and voted by a majority of the group.

With no further business at hand, Marc Pastorek motioned for adjournment, and Dave Creech seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned and followed by Matthew's talk and a plant auction.

Matthew Herron, a biologist with Baton Rouge's BREC park system, provided a talk entitled, "Southeastern Prairies: Origins, Ecology and Conservation." This talk reviewed some of the geology and biogeography surrounding southeastern prairie.

Respectfully submitted
Malcolm F. Vidrine, Ph.D., Secretary

Patricia Lewis, Treasurer, filed the following report on the plant auction:

At the plant auction following our meeting at Rocky's Cajun Kitchen in Eunice LA on Saturday April 8, we had proceeds of \$1,125.00. We want to thank the following members for donating plants and seeds for the auction: Dr. David/Janet Creech (SFA Gardens), Brian Sean Early, Dawn Allen McMillian/Jeff McMillian (Almost Eden Nursery), Betty Miley (Maypop Hill Nursery), Dale Steve Nevitt, Marc Pastorek (Meadowmakers), and Malcolm Vidrine (Cajun Prairie Gardens).

And thanks to everyone who bid on the plants and paid for them. The highest purchase amount was from Dr. David/Janet Creech. This was the most successful plant auction our group has ever had. We will plan to have another at the spring meeting in 2018.