

Minutes
The Cajun Prairie Habitat Preservation Society, Inc.
September 7, 2013

Tommy Hillman, President and Chair, opened the general meeting of the members of the Cajun Prairie Habitat Preservation Society (CPHPS) at 12:00 pm, September 7, 2013 at the Rocky's Restaurant in Eunice, Louisiana.

Guest Speaker: Jacob Delahoussaye presented *Fabulous, Fantastic, and Fascinating Fort Polk Flowers and Fruits*—a beautiful powerpoint program both entertaining and informative.

The business meeting was called to order.

Minutes: Malcolm Vidrine provided minutes from the previous meeting. Charles motion. The minutes were accepted by a unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Patricia Lewis provided a treasurer's report. Jackie Duncan motioned for acceptance of the report. Brian Early seconded the motion. The report was accepted by a unanimous vote.

Old Business: Sara Simmonds and Margaret Frey opened discussion of the maintenance of the Eunice Prairie. It was noted that following an extended discussion and vote online by the executive committee members, Marc Pastorek (Meadowmakers Inc.) was selected to manage/maintain the Eunice Prairie. The most recent mowing of the trails and herbiciding on the NW prairie were carried out Justin Fuselier (Coastal Prairie Nursery) under Marc Pastorek's supervision.

New Business: Announcements:

Malcolm Vidrine announced the publication of his new book *Mites of Freshwater Mollusks*.

Malcolm Vidrine with the assistance of Patricia Lewis announced the upcoming deadline for contributions to the purchase of Cajun/Coastal Prairie remnant in Houston, Texas, area known as Deer Park Prairie. The deadline is September 10th to raise 4 million dollars (p.s.: the donation limit was reached that day, so now the 53 acre remnant prairie belongs to NPAT (Native Prairie Association of Texas)).

Brian Early announced that the Louisiana Agriculture/Forestry Department (LSU) is offering a 3 day course (December 13th) on Prescribed Burn Management for \$105.

Charles Allen suggested April 5th for the Spring 2014 meeting; however discussion is continued as the meeting might be best held in May (watch the website www.cajunprairie.org for details).

Patricia Lewis motioned for adjournment, and Celeste Gomez seconded the motion. The meeting promptly adjourned.

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