



The attendees after the tour gathered at Rocky's Restaurant in Eunice.

Minutes

The Cajun Prairie Habitat Preservation Society, Inc.
May 12, 2018

The business meeting was called to order at Rocky's Restaurant in Eunice, LA at noon on May 12, 2018, by Margaret Frey.

Old Business:

Malcolm Vidrine provided minutes from the previous meeting (read by Annette Parker Kahn). Patricia Lewis moved for the acceptance of the minutes, and Jackie Duncan seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Patricia Lewis provided a treasurer's report (read by Annette Parker Kahn). Tommy Hillman motioned for acceptance of the report. Jackie Duncan seconded the motion. The report was accepted by a unanimous vote.

Marc Pastorek reported on the management of the Eunice Prairies. Much work has been done by Coastal Prairie Landscaping to herbicide and mow areas after an earlier burn this spring.

Annette Parker Kahn motioned that the society not replace broken memorial pending future wishes and discussion with the family. Tommy Hillman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously accepted.

Patricia Lewis motioned that website information be posted/painted on the corkboard of the sign in the parking lot. Mac Myers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously accepted.

New Business:

After some discussion, Tommy Hillman motioned and Annette Parker Kahn seconded the following nomination slate of officers for 2019-2021:

President: Steven Nevitt
Vice-President: Josh Soileau
Treasurer: Patricia Lewis
Secretary: Marc Pastorek.

The motion was unanimously accepted.

Brian Early motioned that the next meeting be held on September 8, 2018. Patricia Lewis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously accepted.

Announcements:

- Linda Auld provided information of OE infecting New Orleans and regional Monarchs. Significant moves included adopting *Asclepias perennis* as the best host plant for the area and using chlorox to clean all rearing containers. For more information, consult www.nolabuglady.com.
- Bette Miley (maypophill@gmail.com) announced that funds were available to provide talks.
- Jackie Duncan announced that she had Trilliums for members of the audience.
- Malcolm Vidrine invited the audience to visit the Cajun Prairie Gardens as the Butterflyweed were in good bloom.

Brian Early motioned adjournment, and Annette Parker Kahn seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously accepted.

The meeting was followed by a presentation:

Steven Nevitt. *Microprairies, Prairie Gardens and Using Prairie Plants in Your Landscape.*

And a plant auction:

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

At the spring meeting of the Cajun Prairie Habitat Preservation Society, we collected, or will collect, for the plant auction \$480.00, members paid dues of \$295.00 (thanks to you all) and we received donations of \$35.00, for a total of \$810.00. This is great, because we received a bill today from Coastal Prairie Landscaping at the Eunice Prairie for mowing, edging, spraying the trails, parking lot, and spraying the woodies, in the amount of \$1247.59. This is a fair charge and I will pay it on Thursday. This is why it is important to pay your dues in a timely manner, so that we are able to maintain our prairies.

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

More photos:



The Broussards.



Steven Nevitt speaks about Microprairies.



Paul Fontenot and Marc Pastorek focus on presentation.



The plant auction led by Marc Pastorek, Brian Early and others. Patricia and Dave Lewis share the foreground.



Margaret Frey chaired meeting.