

Minutes  
The Cajun Prairie Habitat Preservation Society, Inc.  
April 4, 2015

The business meeting was called to order at Rocky's Restaurant in Eunice, LA at noon on April 4, 2015 by Brian Early.

Linda Auld, the Bug Lady, presented a program entitled, 'My Year for Monarchs.' She described her Project Monarch, with activities promoting the growing of milkweeds across Louisiana.

The business meeting followed.

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

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

Jackie Duncan presented 2 committee reports: Grants and Burn Committees. The burn was successfully conducted with volunteers under the leadership of Marc Pastorek and Jackie Duncan on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

Dawn McMillian provided 2 reports: Website and Newsletter. The website should be updated in the next few weeks.

Margaret Frey gave the Education Committee report. She continues to engage local schools in the preparation of lesson plans and other activities.

Brian Early reported on the progress of developing a logo for use in furthering the publicity of the society. He plans to appoint a Marketing and Fundraising Committee to continue to address the logo development and other activities.

New Business:

Patricia Lewis motioned that the society donate \$300 to the Eunice Fire Department for their assistance in the burning of the prairie this year and over the last 3 decades. Paul Fontenot seconded the motion. The motion was accepted by a majority vote.

Tom Hillman suggested that the society make an effort to intervene in the management of the U. S. Highway 165 prairie remnant, which is currently overrun by invasives and other woody plants. No action was immediately taken.

Charles Allen presented another opportunity for the society to provide 3<sup>rd</sup> party opinions leading to a possible Wetlands Mitigation bank holding. Jackie Duncan made a motion to accept the opportunity. Tom Hillman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously supported.

Linda Auld presented a short discussion on Glouster Arboretum and their need for a plant survey. Donations are needed to conduct the survey.

A plant auction was held at the end of the business meeting. Dawn McMillian motioned that the proceeds of the auction would be used to support the Education Committee in their effort to generate lesson plans and school activities. Patricia Lewis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously supported.

Following discussion, Paul Fontenot motioned that the fall meeting be tentatively set for August 29<sup>th</sup>. Charles Allen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously accepted.

Charles Allen motioned for adjournment. Linda Auld seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned.

The plant auction followed.

Respectfully submitted

Malcolm F. Vidrine, Ph.D., Secretary