

Minutes
The Cajun Prairie Habitat Preservation Society, Inc.
August 29, 2015

The business meeting was called to order at Rocky's Restaurant in Eunice, LA at noon on August 29, 2015 by Brian Early, President and Chair of the society.

Kelly Pitre, President of the Eunice Chamber of Commerce, invited the society to use a booth at the Experience Louisiana Festival at Louisiana State University Eunice (LSUE) on October 17-18. Contact info: klpitre@gmail.com (337-305-0466).

David Daigle of Wildlands Inc. and Gulf Coast Flatwoods presented a lively discussion on Pine forest restoration and cattle production.

The business meeting followed.

Old Business:

Malcolm Vidrine provided minutes from the previous meeting. Charles Allen moved for the acceptance of the minutes, and Helen Peebles 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 the Grants Committee's report. She met with Chris Davis and is pursuing an NRCS Conservation Stewardship, which hinges upon approval for \$1000/year.

Marc Pastorek presented the Burn Committee report. The winter burn went well with the help and leadership of Jackie Duncan and the crew. Following discussion, Marc suggested a summer burn for 2016, and he will follow up on that decision.

Dawn McMillian provided 2 reports: Website and Newsletter. The website is up and available for use, but the Newsletter is on hold. Brian moved the discussion of the Newsletter's future to the Marketing and Fundraising Committee. Dawn did mention that Charles Allen's mailing list and website blogs (<https://marcpastorek.wordpress.com/> and <http://cajunprairiegardens.com/>) are available for obtaining news regarding the society and prairie projects.

Margaret Frey gave the Education Committee report. She continues to work with Highland Elementary School in Eunice in the designing and making of a demonstration butterfly garden.

Brian Early reported for the Marketing and Fundraising Committee on the progress of developing a logo for use in furthering the publicity of the society.

New Business:

Tentative plans for a table under the festival tent with books and fliers were discussed. After more discussion, Brian assigned the Experience Louisiana Festival activities planning to the Marketing and Fundraising Committee.

Brian announced an interest in affiliating the society with Louisiana Wildlife Federation. Marc Pastorek motioned that tentative approval be granted to spend up to \$125 to become an affiliate of the LWF providing there is no violation of the society's 501 c status. The motion was seconded by Patricia Lewis. The motion was unanimously approved.

Patricia Lewis announced that an account is open with smile.amazon.com, which will reward the society with a 0.05% reward on each purchase by members. An email with the link will be mailed out to the members.

Brian announced the Southern Plains and Prairie Conference on November 12-14, 2015 in Texas.

Marc Pastorek announced the Louisiana Native Plant Society meeting on February 5-7, 2016, where prairies will be a major topic of discussion that he is organizing.

Brian announced the next meeting is to be held on May 14, 2016.

Charles Allen presented and Gail Vidrine seconded a motion for adjournment.

Respectfully submitted

Malcolm F. Vidrine, Ph.D., Secretary