

Friends of the Holland Sand Prairie
May 18, 2010

Present: Pete & Barb Putnam, George Varnum, Bob Leum, Diane Fernholz, Brian Gray, Jim Rogala, George Howe, Nate Fayram

Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Chairman Putnam.

Introduction of new MVC Director of Land Management, Nate Fayram. Nate had previously worked for the DNR and has a degree in botany from UW Madison.

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes of March 16, 2010 by Barb Putnam, seconded by Bob Leum. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Brian Gray had noted in the minutes of March 16 that there were some discrepancies in the ending balance of 2009. Previous balance of \$2,179 corrected to \$1833. A motion by Barb P. to amend the minutes of January 19, 2010, seconded by Jim Rogala. Motion carried. Balance for end of Feb. 2010 was \$1847. Balance for the end of April, 2010 was \$1678. Motion by George Varnum to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by George Howe. Motion carried.

What's New on the Prairie: Two new benches have been placed on the Prairie; one purchased by the Dummer Family, and the other donated by the FHSP in honor of Julian Hutchinson for the pine plantation removal. Pete has attached a clipboard to the kiosk for people to record their hours for prairie maintenance.

MVC Updates: Several areas of the Prairie were burned in April. MVC, FHSP, TPE, will offer a bird hike with Craig Thompson at 7:00a.m. and a wildflower walk with Jim Rogala at 10:00a.m. on May 22nd. A wildflower walk at New Amsterdam Grasslands will be at 12:30 as well. Nate will coordinate future workdays to clean up brush, eliminate invasives, cut stumps, etc. George Howe has obtained a grant from Fish & Wildlife to help with the clean up. Pete Putnam said Marilynn Pedretti is looking into an alternate solution to burning of the brush piles.

Framed Print: New locations are needed for the framed print. George Howe and Bob Leum to look into ideas to sell prints.

Map: Jim Rogala finalized map of HSP. Pete will install in the kiosk.

Gate: Geo V., and Pete to install back gate on May 20. Jay has already dug the holes for the posts.

Thank you to Phil Yehle for keeping the website up to date.

Hunting /Shooting on the Prairie: Discussion ensued. No action taken.

Items for the Next Meeting: (1) Number of benches to be allowed on the Prairie. Geo. H. to review management plan. (2) Approach Town of Holland Board to purchase a HSP print.

Next Meeting: July 20, 2010 at 7:00p.m.

Adjourn: Motion by Barb P. to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bob Leum. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:30p.m.

Minutes submitted by
Diane Fernholz, Acting secretary