

## Friends of the Holland Sand Prairie Minutes – September 14, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Pete Putnam with the following members present: George Varnum, Jessica Bolwahn, Diane Fernholtz, Brian Gray, and Barb Putnam. Pete asked if there were any changes to the minutes of the last meeting. Jessica made a motion to accept the minutes as written, George 2<sup>nd</sup>. Minutes approved. Pete gave the financial report in Brian's absence. The balance on August 31, 2009 was \$2,216. \$26.00 was turned in from the Holmen Garden Tour from the sale of 2 hats and the sale of 2 key chains. Jessica made a motion to approve, George 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

Flowers blooming on the prairie: the Rough Blazing Star and Poison Ivy. The poison ivy is located on the 1<sup>st</sup> trail to the right in front of the oak savannah. There is also a patch across the road from George's house along the south fence. George killed the poison ivy around the south fence and Beaver with Roundup specific for poison ivy. The Blazing Star was spectacular during August.

The DNR/MVC worked on killing the Black Locust. Jessica came back and sprayed Milestone on the Black Locust.

Kiosk went up easily. A 1<sup>st</sup> class bulletin board was purchased by the Prairie Enthusiasts for the Holland Sand Prairie. Pete gave a bill for \$369.82 for the kiosk materials to Brian.

Pete called Jo's WoodShop to ask them for a quote for a sign to be put above the kiosk. They came out and looked at the Kiosk, and decided they would donate a wooden sign of white oak with letters. George moved that we accept the offer of the sign and Diane 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed. If you have information to go in the bulletin board, bring to Pete and he will rearrange to include it.

Jim Regala is drawing a map of the prairie to be included on the bulletin board. Jessica will contact Jim about the map.

**There will be an evening workday to remove Buckthorn on September 30, from 4:00 p.m. until dusk. Pete will send an email out reminding members of the workday event.**

While on the prairie, Jay saw a Yellow Billed Cuckoo.

Everyone is encouraged to connect the Prairie Website and check it out. Website for Friends of Holland Sand Prairie is: <http://webpages.charter.net/holland/>

The pressurized water tank donated by Larry Bennett is now at Jay's barn. George is looking into putting the tank on wheels to move it easily. A tax credit can be given to Larry for his gift if he wants it. Contact Pete.

Holland Sand Prairie Sign along County Rd MH needs some refurbishing. Volunteers needed, contact Pete.

The plan by Dave Bentzen concerning a Holland Sand Prairie Festival written about in the Holmen Courier is not on the Holland Town Board agenda at this time. We will continue to keep watch on this proposal.

Items for the next meeting agenda:

1. On Labor Day weekend a father and 2 boys dressed in camouflage clothing and carrying a long gun were observed on the prairie. Later several shots were heard. Need to look into the situation.
2. The Holland Sand Prairie Flower Guide needs to be reprinted.

Diane made a motion to adjourn, Brian 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Acting Secretary, Barb Putnam

Attachments to Minutes Given to Marilyn:

- HSP Kiosk Expense sheet of payment due to Pete Putnam
- Brian Gray – Treasurer's Report
- Copy of Email sent to Dave Bentzen (Holland Town Board Member) –  
Subject: Holland San Prairie Days