

Friends of the Holland Sand Prairie
May 11, 2009

Present: Pete Putnam, Jim Rogala, Larry Bennett, Judy Peterson, Diane Fernholz,
George Varnum, Robert Leum, Brian Gray, Jay Fernholz

MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 7:05 by Chairman Pete Putnam.

Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of March 16, 2009 by Robert Leum, seconded by Larry Bennett. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

Brian Gray reported that FHSP account had \$2235 at the end of April. Motion to approve treasurer's report by George Varnum, seconded by Judy Peterson. Unanimously approved.

What's New on the Prairie

Bird's Foot Violet blooming, Hairy Puccoon starting.

MVC

Jessica Bolwahn absent. Prescribed burn has been done. Re-sprouting of black locust will be treated as necessary.

Kiosk

After lengthy discussion it was agreed to use the following construction materials:

Black Locust posts

Cedar shingles for the roof

36x60 aluminum display case with Plexiglas

The Prairie Enthusiasts agreed to buy the aluminum display case (approx. \$500). The Town of Holland will be asked to provide a front-end loader to erect the roof. Pete Putnam will seek donations from Menards, Beaver Builders, and Stock Lumber. A potential site for placement of the kiosk is near the entrance gate adjacent to the property line. Final placement will be made with MVC approval. A motion was made by Brian Gray to spend up to \$550 by the Friends for construction materials. Seconded by George Varnum. Unanimously approved. The kiosk plan will be presented to the Town of Holland Board on Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Pine Plantation

Letters to loggers were sent out in late April. Bids from loggers due in June. The logger letter states that the logging can be done anytime in 2009 when the ground is firm. George Varnum suggested that the logging could be done after the adjacent fields are harvested. Access could be obtained from the west and east and thereby do little damage to the prairie. Jay will tag trees to be saved.

New Business

Marion Bertlesen asked Pete Putnam if FHSP would be interested in being on the Holmen Garden Tour June 25 2009 from 4-8 p.m. The members thought it would be great exposure for the prairie. A motion was made by Jay Fernholz to be included in the tour. Seconded by Larry Bennett. Jim Rogala from Prairie Enthusiasts along with volunteers from the FHSP will guide the tours.

Old Business

Pete Putnam will get more brochures printed at no cost to the Friends.

New Business

On June 13, 2009 Jim Rogala, Prairie Enthusiasts will lead a hike on the HSP at 10:00 a.m.

Items for the next meeting agenda

HSP Web Page.

Larry Bennett has a 25 gallon sprayer to donate to the FHSP.

Next meeting July 13, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Robert Leum. Seconded by Diane Fernholz. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Minutes submitted by

Diane Fernholz, Acting Secretary