

**Suncoast Native Plant Society
Board of Directors Meeting
May 2009**

Present:

Troy Springer, Bob Upcavage, Daphne Lambright, Ron Chicone, Shirley Denton

Absent

Kristina Herz

The minutes were not read as the secretary was absent.

Committee Reports

Field Trips: Two trips in April, none in May as the field trip weekend conflicts with the conference; June trip: Pine Lily Nursery in Ona plus Solomon's Castle (Troy to call)

Speakers: We have speakers for May, Jun, July, and August

Treasurer: We need to revise the budget to capitalize on our \$1000 grant from FNPS; we can now solicit tax deductible donations

Outreach – We sold seeds and books at Sweetwater; would like “how did you hear about us on the membership form; discussed having a chapter business card; discussed putting a Suncoast stamp on the seed packets

Publications: “Coastal Places” needs photos of whole plants; the list of needed photos should go in the newsletter; Idea: Right Plants for Urban Places

Plant Sale: Need to compare with previous years; left-overs went back to sources; our current vendors are taking extras back

Old Business

Discussion of current state of budget:

- Book Sales: These are running below budget
- Plant Donations: Will exceed budget
- Plant Sale: Fall sale less than spring, expecting proceeds from spring sale to be as good as last year.
- Seed sales at 30% of budget with two more events.
- Butterfly fair – we'll likely sell many seeds; we have a butterfly blend for \$35
- Will order more seeds

New Business

Fertilizer Ordinance: Sent Email with newsletter (email version); Sierra Club letter has SNPS as signator even though we did not approve it.

We need a plant sale chairman; Several potential people discussed

July: joint meeting with Sierra and Audubon; only prime plants should be auctioned, have it be a silent auction only; we should have a blank label for sale plants; Ron to provide format

Grant: SNPS gave us \$1000; A designer has been contacted and can make the canopy within budget; We need to find the additional \$\$\$ that the grant does not cover, we can solicit donations specifically for this project, current cost is \$1,400. We have been building cash in the budget

Ask Shawna to print "save trees – get your Grapevine by Email" on every newsletter

The meeting was adjourned (next meeting at Shirley's house)