

Suncoast Native Plant Society
Board Meeting Minutes
June, 2009

Present: Ron Chicone, Daphne Lambright, Bob Upcavage, Troy Springer, Shirley Denton
Absent: Kristina Herz

Meeting called to order by President Troy Springer.

Minutes of May meeting approved unanimously.

Committee Reports

Conservation:

- 3 SNPS members assisted with *Chrysopsis floridana* plantings near SR 62. Daphne asked about availability of photos. She'd like to see a good newsletter photo. Daphne will contact the coordinator regarding a Grapevine article.
- SNPS has signed an agreement with SWFWMD for doing research on SWFWMD lands. Daphne spoke to Eric Sutton regarding Starkey.

Field Trips:

- June - Pine Lily Nursery and Solomon's Castle.
- July – idea needed (ask Carmel vanHoek).
- August – canoe trip on the Hillsborough.

Treasurer:

- History of plant sales – net holding firm. In addition we have seeds.
- Budget: We're on track through the end of May.
- Book sales seem low because last year seeds were included in books and are now their own category. We might sell \$150 in books at the Butterfly sale. Troy estimating an annual \$600 for the year on book sales.
- Daphne presented a revised budget that included the grant and adjusted the various sales items.
- Seed sales will likely be higher than budgeted.
- Anything we buy from Staples can get us rebates – tell Staples to give credit to the Suncoast Native Plant Society.

Old Business

Troy Springer: "Eat an exotic party". Target \$25, limited menu. Target: SNPS members, want 50-100 people. Membership sells tickets. March 2010. Have this in a pretty place. Bring this back up in July. Bob and Shawna are candidates to assist. Asian clam (fresh water (might have issues unless harvested in very clean water). Green mussels (salt water). Investigate harvesting exotic shellfish. Washingtonian palm. There is a glut of plant material and it is clearly safe. Find a piece of the menu and experiment with it. Possibly bring to the next meeting. Feral pig will be on the menu (trappers get

them and fatten them). Tilapia. Most of the tilapia is harvested from Florida waters. Brown hopelos (scaled catfish), *Plecostomus* – potential fish. Oscar. Peacock bass (limits). Dioscorea, taro (issues of poisonous if not handled correctly). Cattails. Lygodium fronds? “Florida holly honey” Melaleuca honey. Sour orange. Lead tree? Kudzu? For next month, list of potential menu. Everybody bring a recipe for something next month. Troy (*Plecostomus*) for next month. Shirley look up lead tree.

Butterfly fair. Volunteer for Sunday (Shirley Sunday afternoon)

Easy Up top: Designer has the template. Karina – high res. Logo. Shirley to download from the web site and send to the designer. Grapevine – we don’t have a high resolution image.

Joint meeting: Contact Joanne. Need volunteers for setup. Ask for volunteers to setup and take down. Promote at June meeting. Make sure plant donations are smaller but higher quality – will be a silent auction. Put in July newsletter. Can also bring plants to give away...Joel to decide which is auction and which is give-away. Sierra Club wants to host next year.

Plant Sale:

- Comes up quick. Troy wants to be major part of it – will be chair for this next sale. Will need help. Need to organize a committee – Ron Chicone volunteers to be on the committee. Need vendors lined up. Troy has the stakes, signs, etc. Tags that can be thrown into a bucket.
- Web site could have cultural info for each species. Want to get info from nurseryman at least a week in advance. Labels with SNPS contact info, stick-on. Symbols for culture, name, common name.

New Business

Newsletter: Shawna would appreciate complete articles so that she doesn’t have to write them.

Daphne asked for photos from FNPS conference for Grapevine.

Need to establish a nominating committee for next year soon.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Shirley Denton in the absence of the secretary.

ASIDE: SHAWNA would like name of the potter made the mugs.

NEXT MONTH