

Minutes of the State Board Meeting: October 3, 2010

Michigan Botanical Club Minutes of the State Board Meeting

Fenner Nature Center, Lansing, MI

Members present: Tyler Bassett, Becky Csia, Mary Danforth, Steve Davis, Irene Eiseman, Richard Fowler, Jim Hewitt, Judy Kelly, Ken Kirton, Pam Laureto, Mark Ledebuhr, Emily Nietering, Sarah Nooden, Lynda Pelkey, Caryle Spence, Lynn Steil, Alice H. Ward, Beverly Walters.

Call to Order: Michigan Botanical Club (MBC) president Pam Laureto called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

Agenda approval

No changes were made to the agenda.

Approval of minutes

A spelling correction of Sarah Nooden's name was made.

President Laureto called for verbal approval of the Minutes of the State Board Meeting of May 30, 2010. Approval was unanimous.

Announcements

President Laureto welcomed the new MBC State Board officers as was published in the Sept. 2010 Arisaema. She also mentioned that there may be procedural issues that need to be addressed regarding the Arisaema publishing date and the officer election dates as stated in the bylaws.

Jim Doyle has resigned after 19 years as editor of

Arisaema. She expressed a thank you to Jim for his many years of service and for continuing on even after he moved to Arizona.

President Laureto announced that this vacancy will need to be filled and asked for any volunteers. No one came forward. She made mention to chapter presidents to ask their chapters if there is anyone interested.

Larry Nooden (HVC) announced via an e-mail to President Laureto that there is concern in their area regarding the upgrading (straightening) of railway for high-speed rail routes which may have an effect on several high-value prairie sites such as Shanghai Prairie along their right-of-way. Larry and representatives of other conservation groups will be meeting with the Counsel General for Environmental Issues about this matter. This, in turn, spurred Board discussion on other highspeed rail routes (Amtrak) in other areas of Michigan.

New Business

Herbarium specimen collection and training: Mark

Ledebuhr (RCC) led a discussion regarding the relevance of informing Michigan Natural Features Inventory (MNFI) and the University of Michigan of uncommon species found by members. Positive discussion followed regarding voucher procedures/training, etc. Mark moved that the

MBC institutionalize vouchering on field trips and in doing so, train chapter members on proper procedures and conveyance of plants to various herbaria. Tyler Bassett

seconded. Motion carried. Tyler Bassett then approached Bev Walters (who works at University of Michigan herbarium) and asked if she would teach a workshop at the 2011 Spring Foray. She agreed.

Mini forays: President Laureto conveyed a message from Larry Nooden that he did not want to lead the mini foray organization and is looking for help on the issue. One suggestion was that we do —re-visitsl to the spring foray locations that may be of interest later in the summer. In discussion it was mentioned that these need only be one-day trips to an area, and lodging would be up to the

individual member. It was suggested that e-mail may be the best way to inform others. This could be spontaneous if the opportunity arises.

Arisaema on-line: It was discussed how many feel a

paperless issue may be cost-saving and a desirable method to receive the Arisaema newsletter. Some will still need/ want a hardcopy. Individual chapters might indicate this option on their 2011 membership forms.

Old Business

None

Reports

Treasurer: Lynda Pelkey submitted a hard copy of the Summary Report, which will be submitted to Arisaema. It was noted that the

MB Business Manager Stipend for 2010 was received from the Hanes Trust as shown in the MBC Summary Report, but was not listed under the Hanes Trust Stipend Summary. Lynda noted this and will make that change. This information can be seen at [http:// www.biol.andrews.edu/mbc/money](http://www.biol.andrews.edu/mbc/money).

Corresponding Secretary: Caryle Spence discussed problems and concerns she had with the publishing and mailing of the Arisaema, most of which was an effort in reminding chapters and Board members of reports so she could get them in on time to the editor, Jim Doyle.

Michigan Botanical Foundation (MBF): The new President of the MBF, Pam Laureto, mentioned that if members had not seen the article in the fall Arisaema regarding the \$2500 granted this summer, that indeed, this is what was awarded to two grants since the Spring Foray. She noted how e-mail communications have helped with the Foundation procedures. Guidelines for grants will be in the next Arisaema and on our website.

The Michigan Botanist: Todd Barkman spoke to President Laureto and she conveyed that The Michigan Botanist issue 49.1 is printed and will be out soon. Issue 49.2 is at the press and 49.3 is soon after and the latter two may be sent together.

Arisaema editor: As noted earlier, Jim Doyle is resigning, replacement needed. Andy Sawyer, our new webmaster, is now in control of the MBC website.

Future State Board Meeting

Winter 2011 State Board Meeting will be Saturday, January 15, 2011 at 1:00 p.m., Fenner Nature Center, Lansing, Mich.

SNOW DATE: Saturday, February 12, 2011 (same time and place).

Judy Kelly moved to adjourn and Mark Ledebuhr seconded. Meeting adjourned 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Steil, MBC recording secretary