SELNA Spring Meeting

April 16, 2019- Mike’s Catfish Inn, Amite, LA

1. Welcome- Mike DeLatte, President

Meeting called to order at 6:48 PM

1. Guest Speaker- Gene Cavalier, Wildlife & Fisheries Biologist with LDAF- feral swine control.

Contact Bryan Stafford at 985.515.3704 for general information on managing feral hogs.

1. Minutes of last meeting, November 6, 2018, attached.

Motion to accept: 1st Mary Mizell 2nd David Norris

1. Treasurers Report- Margie Ann Jenkins

Current balance in the bank account: $10,728.70 Motion to accept: 1st David Mizell 2nd David Norris

1. Hammond Research Center Update- Jason Stagg
   1. Update

Dr. Fields asked SELNA for a letter of support to help acquire a LDAF Specialty Crop Grant. He is trying to source funding to write a publication best management practices for efficient labor practices in the nursery industry.

* 1. Margie Jenkins Lecture series recap

From Jason Stagg: The weather was rainy all day and kept attendees inside for the whole program. HRS staff provided a virtual tour of plant material through a powerpoint presentation and it was very well received. 40 people were in attendance. That differed from an average number of 90 in years’ past. The speakers were Bill Fontenot – Native Woodies and Jim Foret – Cajun Praire. Jason provided free plants from his Plants with Potential program to help draw attention to easy to grow landscape plants that don’t get a lot of attention.

* 1. Field Day changes

Jason and Dr. Fields: Most horticulture field day events at other universities are held in the summer: June/July. When HRS does their field day in October, most of the trial experiments are finished and don’t look good. In some cases, entire beds are replanted to make the grounds look acceptable. HRS will move its Horticultural Field to August 23 in 2019. They will be looking for a date in June/July for 2020.

* 1. Calendar for remaining events

Pollination Celebration will not happen in 2019. Tangipahoa Master Gardeners put on this event and couldn’t find a chair for this year. The event pulls in 1000 people to HRS and is very popular with the public. The event has not been ruled out for future years.

1. GSHE update- 2020 show will be January 12th-18th

Website gave incorrect dates. The 2020 show will be January 15-17 in Mobile, AL

1. LNLA & LNLFSR update- Gala will be Friday, June 21st, 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m., Pavilion of the Two Sister, City Park, New Orleans.
   1. Dr. Owings stepped up and provided some info on LNLA events. Monies were up from last GALA fundraisers (total amount not mentioned). Buddy Perino is the new president of the foundation. 10th annual GALA (2019) Friday, June 21, 2019 6:30-9:30 at the Pavilion of the Two Sisters in City Park, New Orleans, LA
2. Plant Locator Map- Will has some for all nurseries along with a member certificate if you have not received yours yet. There are additional maps available if needed, contact Paige Mizell if you need more 985-796-4304.
3. Folsom Fall Garden Festival- tentative date of September 28th
   1. Form committee: Mary Mizell, Rick Webb, Nancy Jenkins, Pat Newman, Paige Mizell, Will Afton and Marshall Brumfield
   2. Committee meeting date & location TBD
4. Trade Show
   1. Date TBD by committee
   2. Committee: Paige Mizell, Jessie Hoover, Jason Stagg, Nancy Jenkins, Will Afton, and Lynette Westmoreland
   3. Committee meeting date & location TBD
5. Election of new officers
   1. President: Paige Mizell was nominated 1st Nancy Jenkins 2nd Dub Jenkins
   2. Vice President David Norris was nominated 1st Mary Mizell 2nd Mike DeLatte
   3. Treasurer Susan Webb was nominated 1st Mary Mizell 2nd David Norris
   4. Secretary Will Afton was nominated 1st Mary Mizell 2nd Mike Delatte
   5. Board Member (Brandon Brumfield’s term is expiring) Alain Flexor was nominated 1st David Norris, 2nd David Lowery
6. Recognition of former officers

Paige presented an engraved gift to Margie Ann for her time as SELNA Treasurer. Paige also presented a service plaque to Matt Westmoreland (Lynette accepted) and Mike DeLatte for their service as president.

1. New Business

Crawfish Boil is scheduled for May 4 at Dub and Nancy Jenkins. Time will be 12:00 Noon till…

1. Next meeting, date \_\_\_August 6, 2019\_, location \_\_Mike’s Catfish\_\_, time \_\_6:00 PM\_\_
2. Adjourn