



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Meeting Location: Barrow Brewing
108 Royal Street, Salado, TX

May 6, 2024

President Linda Griffith presided, and Secretary Becky Roe recorded minutes.

Linda called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

The scheduled speaker, Jacob Shaffer of USDA Climate Hub, had to reschedule due to a power outage. His presentation has been rescheduled to the June meeting.

TREASURER REPORT

Dawn Woodcock provided a treasures report.

The Plant Sale grossed \$15,900. Expenses <\$8,451>, for net proceeds of \$7,448.

Bank balance as of 5/6/2024 is \$9,119.55.

PROJECT REPORTS

Plants left over following the spring plant sales will be available at monthly meetings for a suggested donation.

Rick Moore thanked all who helped with the plant sales. They went very smoothly, considering there were two and both of them happened in the rain.

Michale Rogers has volunteered to take over the chapter's Facebook page. His email is myringa@gmail.com.

Linda provided information from the State NPSOT presidents/leadership meeting:

There are now over 5,000 members statewide.

A chapter is reopening in South Padre Island.

Chris Mayo reported that NPSO has a database of locations where native plants can be purchased. None of these nurseries are in Central Texas. Chris has spoken with some local nurseries about the NICE Program (Natives Instead of Common Exotics). He talked to managers at Grizzly's Hidden Falls Nursery, Garden City, and 93 Nursery & Landscape Supply. All of these nurseries expressed interest in the program.

Linda is working on some “do-it-yourself” field trips. She will include them in emails and try to include the drive time from Salado.

At the plant sale, Linda spoke with Collum Simpson from Texas A&M Agrilife Extension, who suggested a workday to clean elephant ears out of Salado Creek. There is a sign-up sheet available.

Native Landscape Certification Program is available online. State NPSOT is suggesting that our chapter partner with the North Texas chapter to host a Level 1 class for this area. Multiple NPSOT state office people are available to help.

Botanical tourism in Salado is still in the works. Several businesses and other establishments are interested.

Salado ISD has budgeted for landscaping with native plants as the new high school is being built. They have asked that NPSOT be involved in the planning.

Because of our chapter’s work at the Salado Middle School, NPSOT now has a state committee for working with schools.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Roe, Secretary