

Report on the Annual Meeting and Potluck: Saturday, August 22, 2015

The 12th annual meeting of the Hairstreak Chapter was held in the E.V. Komarek Science Education Center at the Tall Timbers Research Station and Land Conservancy in northern Leon County. During a leisurely walk around the fields south of the Beadel House prior to the meeting, Jerrell Daigle found his life White M Hairstreak. Congratulations, Jerrell!

The meeting was attended by 27 chapter members and past officers. There were also four guests as we welcomed Jim Cox, Kara Driscoll, Joyce Kiskadden, and Yvonne Zola to our annual meeting. You can see a picture of all the attendees on our chapter's website. Prior to lunch, attendees were given a presentation by Kara Driscoll on Milkweed Tuesday at St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge. This project is dedicated to restoring the Monarch butterfly population through growing milkweed plants for distribution to the Big Bend Community.

After a delicious potluck lunch, chapter president Dean Jue started the business meeting. In addition to reviewing the past year's chapter activities, highlights from the meeting included:

- a) Brian Lloyd reported that our chapter had a total of \$582.00 in our chapter's bank account, the same amount as last year.
- b) The Hairstreak Chapter officers nominated for the 2015 – 2016 year were:
 - 1) President: Dean Jue
 - 2) Vice-President: Dave McElveen
 - 3) Secretary: Virginia Craig
 - 4) Treasurer: Brian Lloyd

The slate of officers was elected unanimously, with Virginia Craig retiring from the board after this term.

- c) Kim Ward volunteered to assist Virginia Craig with secretarial duties while Ann Bruce volunteered to serve as a liaison between our chapter and Apalachee Audubon Society.
- d) Dave McElveen and Brian Lloyd are requesting members to go to the chapter website at <http://hairstreakchapter.weebly.com> during the next couple of weeks to review the various web pages and layout in order to provide feedback on how our website may better serve members' needs. The **deadline** for feedback is **Sept. 15, 2015**. Enough money was collected through donations at the meeting to allow our chapter to upgrade our web service to a higher level with additional web pages and associated functionalities.
- e) There was a discussion on developing business cards to hand out with our website address on it. The banner from the website should be used on those cards if possible.
- f) David Harder reminded everyone that it was time to sign up for the Big Bend Wildlife Management Area butterfly count on September 20th if you would like to participate.
- g) The update to our display board will utilize photos instead of drawings. Members felt that photo printing could be done at CVS, Costco, or Staples with reasonable quality and costs.
- h) Former Hairstreak Chapter president Bill Boothe noted that he would be participating in a Panhandle Pollinator Conservation Workshop on September 24th at the IFAS Extension Office in Tallahassee.