

Job Description

Conservation Committee

The Prairie Club (Club) is a non-profit, volunteer organization founded in 1908. A critical element of the Club's success over its 100+ year history has been the willingness of its members to volunteer for the various officer, director and committee positions necessary to achieve the Club's operational success in a cost effective manner. The Prairie Club greatly appreciates the willingness of its members to serve in those various capacities and whose volunteer spirit makes The Prairie Club the club it is today.

Purpose of the Conservation Committee

The purpose of the Conservation Committee is to promote conservation as individuals, share information on conservation activities and join together on a limited number of public policy issues affecting the prairies, lakes and trails of the Midwest.

- Support conservation activities through grants with emphasis on organizations with which Prairie Club members are active particularly in Chicago, Berrien County (Chikaming Township), Michigan and McHenry County, Illinois.
- Plan and conduct conservation projects related to facilities and resources at Camp Hazelhurst , Spring Grove, Chicago, Berrien County (Chikaming Township) and McHenry County

Recent Activity

A recent successful effort included support of the Jens Jensen Preserve acquisition by the Chikaming Open Lands organization. Currently, the Prairie Club has pledged to support the Cherry Beach Committee in its efforts to double the size of public beach available to local citizens.

Committee Membership

- Each December the Committee Chair is appointed by the Prairie Club Board of Directors
- In January of each year the Chair submits names of committee members to the Board of Directors for approval; Currently, the Conservation Committee is a committee of one so its activities are limited
- All members must have active membership status

Committee Procedures and Responsibilities

- Uphold the Conservation Mission Statement
- Provide articles for *Bulletin* or *Highlights* concerning conservation issues
- Maintain and file conservation information and mailings

- Determine the conservation organizations that the Prairie Club will support with allocated funds. Organizations supported in the past include Chikaming Open Lands and the Nippersink Watershed Association. The Prairie Club has also been a supporter of efforts of the Cherry Beach Committee to acquire Cherry Beach
- Oversee conservation projects at Spring Grove and Camp Hazelhurst
- Submit an annual report for the Prairie Club's annual meeting

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