GA-EPPC Board Meeting

January 26, 2018

Meeting started 12:08 pm

Tim Daly, Bodie Pennisi, David Coyle, and Stewart Chandler present. Malcolm Hodges and Brian Arnold phoned in.

Tim reviewed Board Members serving

- Tim volunteered to remain President
- No President Elect now
- Brian volunteered to serve as Secretary.

**New Board Members**

- Brian called Kym Partridge of GA Power earlier in week, and will call again. So far no reply from Kym.
- Bodie contacted Jennifer Cruse-Sanders of State Botanical Garden. She is too busy but perhaps someone else from SBG will be able to.
- Bodie spoke with Ben Ackerly of Woodland Garden Center in Decatur. He worked with EPPC in Ohio. He has agreed to serve on the board.
- David spoke with Lynne Womack (Georgia Forestry Commission), and she agreed to be on the Board.
- David discussed possibility of Graduate Student Board member. Bodie and Tim said good idea. Bodie knows a grad student, Emily Poole, that may be interested.
- Current board members: Stewart Chandler, David Coyle, Malcolm Hodges, Lynne Womack, Ben Ackerly

**Budget**

- We have $3769.22 in the bank and an additional $3746.40 in the PayPal account for a total of $7515.62. Our last bank statement did have the balance as $3749.22 (1 - $20 membership was deposited since then)

**Annual Meeting**

- State Botanical Garden in Athens was suggested as a venue, to draw more attendees. All spoke favorably of this idea.
- Mal suggested inquiring about “Mimsie Lanier Center”, at the Garden, as it may be a more cost effective option and has worked well with other functions that he has been involved with. Can accommodate roughly 30 people. Discussion ensued and all agreed we should inquire about it.
- David suggested that we look into the possibility of organizing a privet pull, or anything of that nature, that can benefit attendees and the Garden - and perhaps result in reduced facility use cost.
- Bodie will inquire about cost and availability.
• Tim talked about starting early in planning
• Mal suggested a session on the privet control / rivercane establishment project taking place there.
• David Coyle said Jim Hannula retired. Suggested having Scott Horn or Mike Ulyshen from US Forest Service. Both worked with Jim Hannula.
• Mal inquired if we are corporate members of the Georgia Plant Conservation Alliance - based at SBG and we may wish to involve them.
• Bodie stated that most speakers that we had scheduled for 2017 are a good fit for 2018.
• All expressed interest in this meeting being successful.
• Bodie will handle registration through Center for Urban Ag in Griffin. No cost for this registration service.
• Registration fee of $70 for regular registration and $20 for students is our starting point, but will be decided upon once we know our cost.
• David and Bodie suggested starting later in day, and finishing earlier due to travel required by participants.
• Need to apply for CEU’s early. Bodie stated that attendees seem to favor hands on sessions, but Dept. of Ag tends to reward CEU’s more generously to classroom sessions. David said we may be able to discuss this with person that awards CEU’s.
• Bodie said that she has relationship with Adrean Rhodes at the Georgia Department of Agriculture and can discuss.
• Starting 9:00-9:30 am time frame and ending 3:00-3:30 pm time frame was discussed.
• Oct 23 or 24 are target dates
• Business Meeting will be held during lunch to vote on officers, etc.

Grants
• Bodie said we don’t have enough money now to provide a meaningful grant.
• David suggested using the funds to encourage attendance to Annual Meeting - people that may not ordinarily attend. Bodie mentioned working with a colleague from Kennesaw State
• Maybe use money to help pay for students to attend the meeting.

First Detector Workshop
Karan Rawlins has scheduled the following:
• State Botanical Garden date TBD.
• March 5, 2018 Clayton Co. Master Gardeners.
• Bibb County Master Gardeners MG - March 8, 2018.
• Invasives in the Urban Forest in Milton, GA March 29, 2018
• The Planters Garden Club in Atlanta, GA May 15, 2018

Adjourned 1:12 pm

Minutes taken by Brian Arnold and updated by Timothy Daly

Minutes submitted January 30, 2018