Georgia Exotic Pest Plant Council

Board Meeting

August 2, 2017

Participants:

Timothy Daly                   Gary Dye
Eamonn Leonard                  Stewart Chandler
Brian Arnold                    David Coyle

The GAEPPC Board met by conference call on August 2, 2017, at 2:00pm.

The minutes from the June 29, 2017 GAEPPC Board meeting were read. Eamonn Leonard made a motion to approve the minutes, and David Coyle second it, and the motion was passed.

Financial report by GAEPPC Treasurer Eamonn Leonard: Bank Account Balance: $3,749.22 (Deposit $118 to cover fees from wire transfer issue). PayPal: $3,605.49 no activity since last meeting.

2017 Annual Conference:

- It will be held in at the UGA Campus in Griffin, Student Learning Center, on October 30.
- Confirmed speakers: Dr. Dayton Wilde, UGA Dept. of Horticulture, Dr. Deah Lieurance, University of Florida Center for Aquatic and Invasive Species, Dr. David Coyle, Southern Regional Extension Forestry, and Dr. Shimat Joseph, a new professor at the UGA Griffin campus. Mincy Moffet, Georgia Dept. of Natural Resources, will be unable to give a presentation, so Bodie Pennisi is in the process of coordinating with Jason Schmidt, UGA Entomology Professor in Tifton, to do a presentation on the subject of wildflowers, pollinators, and biological predators.
- We are looking at some hands-on activities in the afternoon from 12:45pm to 2:15pm. The presentations will be 30 minutes and we will rotate the participants from station to station. They are as follows:
  1. Control/management techniques - Foliar application methods and sprayer adjuvants - Brian Arnold, Owner Songbird Landscape and - Malcolm Hodges, Conservation Biologist - The Nature Conservancy
  2. Control/management techniques – Hack and Squirt method – Eamonn Leonard, Georgia Department of Natural Resources and Gary Dye, Sr. Environmental Analyst Georgia Power Company
  3. Learn how to identify plants - David Coyle, Forest Health and Invasive Species, University of Georgia and Timothy Daly, UGA Extension Gwinnett County.
  4. SEEDN Smartphone App - learning the technology - Karan Rawlins, Invasive Species, University of Georgia
- Bodie Pennisi and Beth Horne, UGA Center for Urban Agriculture, are in the process of getting pesticide and arborist credits.
• Registration fees $75 except for students, which will be $20.
• The UGA Center for Urban Agriculture will handle the registrations.
• Lunches – we discussed the possibility of using Chick-Fil-A, but there is a concern for those who may be vegetarian. Let us check into local caterers. Let us see who the UGA Griffin uses. On the registration website, we can put ‘special dietary needs,’ or something of that nature.
• Board members will pay the $75 registration fees.
• Sponsors for the meeting- David Coyle will see if the Georgia forestry Commission will help sponsor. Eamonn Leonard will check into the Georgia Department of Natural resources and also a contact from Dow Agro. Brain Arnold will contact Nearly Native Nursery in Fayetteville, GA. We could have one or more sponsor a break.
• We will need to get coffee, bottle water, juices and snacks for the morning.


Eamonn Leonard has received an old membership list from a former secretary and will look into contacting members form the past regarding rejoining.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45pm.

The minutes were submitted by Timothy Daly on August 2, 2017