Georgia Exotic Pest Plant Council Board Meeting, July 10, 2009

Panola Mountain State Conservation Park

Attending: Brian Arnold Also Present:
Connie Gray Meghan Hedeen
Danielle Green
Elaine Nash Chuck Bargeron
Cynthia Taylor Bob Brinkman
Connie Taylor Chris Ferqueron

Connie called the meeting to order at 9:45am.

Treasurers Report- Elaine Nash
GA EPPC has $9,700 in the bank.

Board Member & Officer Changes

- Connie has had a change of plans and won’t be moving to Colorado. She will continue as President.
- After some discussion, the slate of candidates will be presented at the annual membership meeting for vote was agreed upon: Connie agreed to continue as president for 1 year with Mincy to serve as president elect, Cynthia as secretary and Elaine as treasurer.
- Meghan Hedeen, GDOT was introduced to the group and Connie presented her as a potential board member. Elaine made the motion, Cynthia 2nd, motion passed.
- We currently have 1 additional board position open.

Annual Meeting, Thursday September 10th

- Connie has spoken with potential speakers:
  - Jim Miller- Keynote
  - Newt Hardy- S.C. non chem kudzu treatment & volunteers
  - James Johnson- cost share provided through stimulus on private and state lands starting in September.
- Additional speakers:
  - Chuck- EDDMapS
  - Connie- EDRR & urban invasives
  - Green Industry- tbd, Steve Sanchez?
  - Volunteers- Panel Discussion- Danielle will head up
    - Hands on Atlanta
    - Chattahoochee Volunteer Coordinator
    - Weed Warriors
    - Resources
- Elections to be held before lunch
- Possible field session end of day?
- Connie will arrange for pesticide, forester, arborist credits
- Advertising the meeting
  - GGIA updates/bulletins
  - Turfgrass Association, GA Veg Association
- Others?
  - Lunch option for meeting: Fresh Aire BBQ, need to find out if they have vegetarian option.
  - Registration will be $25 for members, $45 for new members
  - Connie, Chuck, Meghan will work on the agenda via email/phone
  - Gary will assist with logistics

**Other Items**
- Chuck mentioned the Natural Areas Association meeting will be in Tallahassee in October 2011. GA EPPC should participate.
- Chuck will update board list on website
- Danielle updated to group on her research into developing a Weed Warriors volunteer training for GA. There is a program with online and on site training, certification and posted events she found- will forward link to site to board. Everyone agreed we could promote something similar.

**Newsletter**
- Brian will be producing the next newsletter
- New board member profiles (& photos)
- Letter from the President
- EDDMapS article- Chuck or Cynthia
- Agenda for annual meeting
- EDRR article- Connie
- Zoo Atlanta Article- Danielle
- Florida Invasive Species Partnerships article- Chuck
- July 30 deadline- need to get this out to advertise annual meeting

**Workshops**
- GA EPPC needs to continue hosting workshops for public outreach
- After discussion, the board agreed to host one per year geared toward home-owners.
- Tentatively scheduled for March 2010 so we are offering something 2x per year: annual meeting for professionals, workshop for home-owners.

Meeting adjourned 11:30pm