Georgia Exotic Pest Plant Council Board Meeting, May 21, 2009

Panola Mountain State Conservation Park

Attending: Connie Gray, Mincy Moffet, Cynthia Taylor, Gary Wade, Elaine Nash, Chris Ferqueron

Also Present: Chuck Bargeron, Dave Moorhead

On Phone: Lynn Sosnoskie

Connie called the meeting to order at 10:15am.

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

Workshop Updates
- The Coastal GA workshop is set. Malcolm is taking the lead, Sapelo on board.
- TNC manual for sale $7.50 rather than give away
- Future workshop ideas- email presentations, burn various handouts to disk, paper folder and disk rather than binder, webinar
- June Master Naturalist program at Smithgall, Cynthia will do

Board Member & Officer Changes
- Connie is resigning as President, pending a move to Colorado.
- After some discussion, Cynthia agreed and Elaine made the motion that Cynthia serve as interim president. Gary 2nd, motion passed.
- Mincy agreed to serve as interim secretary, and to serve as president elect (formerly vice president) once a perm secretary is found. Gary agreed to take minutes in the secretary’s absence, but declined to serve.
- The slate of candidates will be presented at the annual membership meeting for vote: Cynthia president, Mincy president elect, secretary to be determined, Elaine will continue as Treasurer.
- Lynn announced that she is resigning. With Connie taking the past president slot, Jim Allison may not continue on the board. That leaves 3 slots to be filled.
- After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that Connie would contact Brian Arnold (active GA EPPC member) to see if he would be willing to serve on the board and take on the communications committee and possibly serve as secretary. Mincy will contact Jim Candler regarding a GA Power rep for the board, as well as Jim Sullivan (botanist, GA Forestwatch, etc.) to see if he would be willing to serve.
- The board agreed that some of the responsibilities Connie had would be divided up among the board members who would report back to the board:
  - Dave will be the representative for SE EPPC, NA EPPC
  - Gary will be the representative to GGIA
  - Elaine will be the representative to GPCA
**Annual Meeting**
- After much discussion, Thursday September 10th was set for the Annual Meeting.
- How to handle registration was discussed. Gary mentioned that CAES conference office in Tifton or Athens can handle registration and arrange breaks and lunch.
- Several locations were discussed, Connie to contact Danielle about possibly using the Zoo, the Gary to contact Extension agents regarding possible free locations.
- Fees will be to cover costs.
- Meeting time 8:30am-4:30pm with Pesticide credits.
- Business meeting 30 minutes, before lunch for captive audience.
- Keynote speaker and agenda tbd.

**Other Items**
- Committees
  Connie reported that there was no action on getting the various committees going. The group discussed the need to move on the list committee. Mincy will get folks together and begin working.
  Cynthia reported very low response among the members who indicated an interest in the education committee. A few folks were interested, but didn’t want to take a lead role.
- Google calendar
  In order to facilitate a calendar of events on the website, Chuck suggested setting up a google calendar with all of the board members adding events to the calendar that he could post on the website. Cynthia will set this up.
- Newsletter
  We need to get another newsletter out with info on the annual meeting etc. Connie to discuss with Brian Arnold.

Meeting adjourned 1:30pm.