GA-EPPC Board Meeting - April 26, 2018

Conference Call began 2:00pm

Present: Tim Dailey, Karan Rawlins, David Coyle, Ben Ackerley, Stewart Chandler, Eamonn Leonard, Brian Arnold

Minutes from last meeting - motion to approve by David, second by Karan, approved by all

New members should submit a short bio to Karan so that she can have it placed on our website. Submit a picture too
Discussion ensued regarding need to update website

Treasurer’s Report:
Bank has $3,829.22
Paypal has $3,843.60
Total balance: $7672.82

Annual Meeting:
October 23rd
Tim stated that Bodie is working on securing “Terrace Room” at State Botanical Garden. Cost is $400.00 per day
Deah Leurance from UFL to speak on screening out invaders during morning session
Karan recommended involving Georgia Forestry Commission. All agreed. She will talk to Chip Bates regarding a speaker. David suggested that GFC provide a statewide update, including reporting on latest news regarding Cogon Grass.
Eamonn inquired about if there is a current “Dirty Dozen List”. Karan will inquire.
A decision was made to have GFC present, in lieu of the “pollinators talk”

Tentative schedule: 9:00 am Registration, 9:30 Deah Leurance, 10:30 break, 10:45 GFC, 11:45 lunch, 12:45 Mike Ulyshen Outdoor presentation on privet control, 2:45 Evaluation and Credits Business Meeting: to take place 3:00-3:30 pm

Registration: $70.00, Student Registration is $20.00

Lunch: David suggested “Barberittos” for catering. It is buffet style which will accommodate vegetarian diets and allow speakers to eat free. All agreed that this sounds like a good option. David will find out about cost, etc

Need to finalize agenda so can apply for CEU’s

Vendors: Karan said that we can invite groups like GFC (Karan to ask), DNR(Eamonn to ask), Georgia Wildlife Federation (Tim to ask) Georgia Arborist Association (Tim will ask), perhaps others
Vendor fee will be limited to what it cost us

**UGA Turfgrass Research Field Day in Griffin, August 9:**
We have opportunity to provide an afternoon session. Agreed that it would be beneficial to do this. Ben can talk about invasive species and their native alternative / David could talk about non-native invasive insects if he has the date available
Karan can provide publications
We will have GA-EPPC Membership Applications available

**General Membership Discussion:**
Ben suggested that we address benefits to membership, in order to help promote membership. Karan will check to see if we have an old listserv
Eamonn stated that Chuck Bargerom has a listserv. Tim to be added so that he can disseminate information to membership.
Tim mentioned possibility of a newsletter one time per quarter. The listserv can be used to disseminate.

**Update of our “Plant List”:**
We need to update. We have been stalled due to waiting on a protocol from National Association of EPPC’s, which is working through some issues
David asked if working on a list can be done via email. Discussion ensued. When list gets narrowed down to a “short list”, deeper discussion is necessary.
Ben offered to share data that he has with regards to listing.

**NA-IPC’s Conference Call:** Karan participated on call. Listing is the issue that they are working on that most pertains to us. The listing process has encountered challenges.
The Green Industry is participating in a favorable manner.

**First Detector Workshops**
Karan and Eamonn have a program coming up May 22nd and 23rd in Glynn County
Karan has one in Dahlonega in June, and State Botanical Garden in Athens in October

Tim will contact board regarding next conference call

Meeting Adjourned 2:50 pm