GA-EPPC Board Meeting – July 25, 2018 Minutes

Conference Call began 2:00pm

Present: Timothy Daly, Emilee Poole, Karan Rawlins, Ben Ackerly, Bodie Pennisi, Malcolm Hodges.

Annual Conference
- October 23, 2018, State Botanical gardens, Athens, GA.
- CEUs for pesticide applicators, certified arborists and foresters have been applied for and approved.
- Looking to have Barberittos of Athens cater lunch. David Coyle gave me their contact information. It is buffet style which will accommodate vegetarian diets and allow speakers to eat free. The Botanical Gardens requires 15% of the money the caterer charges to be given to them as part of the fee. The caterer can build it into the price they charge us.
- Event posted on GAEPPC website
- Vendors – Native plant nursery Beach Hollow Farms in Lexington -Ben Ackerly will contact them. They will be able to sell some of their plants but we will ask for door prizes. Table for other groups – government or non-profit. GFC will be able to do so – Chip Bates bring someone with him; Eamonn will see about the DNR having a table.
- Marketing the program - Contacting organizations to promote the program. - Bodie – will contact the Georgia Urban Agriculture Council (GUAC) and Georgia Green Industry Association (GGIA). Ben Ackerly will contact the Georgia Perennial Plant Association, Tim – Georgia Arborist Association, Georgia Association of Natural Resources Extension Professionals, and the Georgia Master Gardeners Association.
- 2018 Agro-Forestry Sept. 20, promote it
- Sheri Dorn advanced training continuing education hours
- Business meeting after the program – will draw up an agenda – elect any new officers.
- Social media present - Jeff Miller, Extension Urban Program Development Coordinator, and Becky Griffin, Extension Community and School Garden Coordinator, could promote it on their Facebook pages. GAEPPC – Has a FaceBook page Emily Poole will work with Karan Rawlins to post to the page. Announcement on Naturalist of Georgia and Nature Conservancy FB Page – Malcolm Hodges will check into this; Karan will contact the Georgia native Plant Society, and Tim Daly will contact the Georgia Botanical Society

GAEPPC Board
- David Coyle resigned will contact Scott Horn;
- Need bio and pictures of new board members: Emily Poole, Lynne Womack, and Kym Partridge
**Financial Update**
- Bank (BB&T): $3429.22
- Since the last meeting a check for $400 was written to the State Botanical Garden on May 25th for the Oct. 23rd annual GA-EPPC meeting.
- Paypal: $3784.02 (we had two memberships since the last report Steve G Walker & Susan Harmon)

**2018 Turfgrass Field day**
- August 9 in Griffin
- Clint Waltz, UGA Turfgrass Extension Specialist, will make announcement get more to our program
- Half indoors and half outdoors pavilion?
- EddMaps on computer, everyone that has signed up to send e-mail to send them the app. See if they can get through UAC.
- GAEPPC Conference registration forms available.

**Building up the organization**
- Quarterly e-mail newsletter with trainings, news of importance, weed alert – ID, info, new problems,
- Listserve – GAEPPC has it been updated? list is not active, not been dropping people if they have not been paying yearly fee; get a list of e-mails and compile a membership add and edit – UGA List serve – Karan will talk to Chuck and Eamonn a way to see if the PayPal account online notification e-mail, treasurer is keeping the list of people being added but no one has been dropped off. List serve membership and build a membership of who is on. Karan will check into this for us.
- Giant hogweed ID guide – Warnell Guide along mountain streams Virginia and NC Karan has sent it to Warnell should hear back.

**Updating Native Plant List**
- Chip Bates is looking to put together a list of invasive plants that are still being sold. There is no illegal list in Georgia, only the ones that are on the national list. Forestry Commissions across the SE to get a list of invasive plants that are still available in nurseries legally. Not certain as to the power of the list. Karan Rawlins will be in contact with Chip Bates.
- List is the GAEPPC list some may need to be removed, change categories, species to be added to list
- Karan – if everyone has a list and assessments, if we know, then go down ‘under notes’ to make recommendations
- Bodie – we certainly can pursue – less time consuming; board members assess the plants and make recommendations, have knowledge make recommendations under notes; should we change definitions? – check
- Get is down to a short list to discuss
• How often do we need to update the list; set a goal it has been 10 years since it as updated better every two to three years. Streamline the process and do not have to assess each plant – do we need to go category 1 and does it need to stay there.
• Goal by next meeting to look at list to discuss and make decisions. Send list out to board; list serve. Compile it in one document – excel file

NAIPC Webinar Series: Wild Spotter: Mapping Invasives in America’s Wild Places – Thursday, July 26 at 3:00pm. Register at:
https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8187228954700337155

Meeting Adjourned 2:55pm

Next Board Meeting TBD