Georgia Exotic Pest Plant Council

Board Meeting

May 4, 2017

Participants:

Timothy Daly                   Gary Dye
Eamonn Leonard              Bodie Pennisi
Brian Arnold                    David Coyle

The GAEPPC Board met by conference call on May 4, 2017 at 9:00am

The minutes form the January 27, 2017 GAEPPC Board meeting were read. Bodie Pennisi made a motion to approve the minutes, and David Coyle second it, and the motion was approved.

The GAEPPC currently does not have a secretary, so Bodie Pennisi has volunteered to be the acting secretary.

Financial report by GAEPPC Treasurer Eamonn Leonard: Our bank account currently has $4,004.22 and our Paypal account has $3605.40. Currently we have $7,609 as total assets. We have had four new members – three regular and one student.

Fall Conference: Recommended to hold it in Griffin to keep costs low. Bodie Pennisi will send us the outline for the 2016 conference that was cancelled. We can look at the agenda and determine which speakers and topics that we would like to have at the program. The date has not been determined.

First detector Workshops – Timothy Daly will contact Karan Rawlins to discuss setting up the programs and locations.

Innovations in Invasive Species Management Conference and Workshop in Nashville, TN. December 13 – 15, 2017. Brain Arnold may be attending in addition to a couple of other participants. They are going to wait until the registration details are finalized.

National Association of Invasive Plant Councils (NAIPC https://www.na-ipc.org/) Executive Committee is requesting donations of $100-$300 to support its worthwhile activities. We discussed sending them a donation and we recommended that $300 dollars be allocated. Brian Arnold made a motion to donate $300 to the NAIPC, Eamonn Leonard second it, all were in agreeance, and the motion carried.

Revising the invasive plant list of Georgia- we discussed this idea at the January 27 meeting. The challenge is to find the right person to update the list, such as a graduate student. Bodie Pennisi
and Karan Rawlins will discuss the feasibility of the revision of the list. More information will come later.

We will ensure the calendar on our website is updated on a regular basis.

We discussed the possibility of having a quarterly or twice a year newsletter. However, we decided to forego this idea. Instead, we will support and contribute articles to the SEPPC periodical *Wildland Weeds*, which is published twice a year. The SEPPC is in the process of revitalizing the publication since it has not been published in a while.

GEPPC Grants: In the past couple of years, we have given grants to the Blue heron nature Preserve in Sandy Springs, GA and the Coweta County Master Gardeners.

Membership is $20 for individuals, $10 for students, and $100 for institutions and organizations. For those who pay for attendance at our annual conference, a one year’s membership is included. We need to get a list of current and past members. Eamonn Leonard will contact Mincey Moffett and Karan Rawlins to get an updated list.

Bodie Pennisi and Ellen Bauske, who is with the UGA Center for Urban Agriculture, are part of a national environmental committee for consumer horticulture. The committee is part of a national initiative to raise the awareness on the benefits to homeowners of horticulture. One focus area is invasive plants. GAEPPC could partake in the initiate at some level. Our next board meeting will be in June. Time and date will be determined by Doodle Poll.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50am.

The minutes were submitted by Timothy Daly on May 11, 2017