

**TN-EPPC Board Meeting
Nov. 10, 2010 Beaman Park Nature Center**

Attendance: Andrea Bishop, Dan Brown, Bob Parrish, Mike Berkley, Marie Kerr, LinnAnn Welch, Pat Parr, Margie Hunter

Guests: Harry Quarles, Brian Bowen, Sara Kuebbing

Absent with Proxy: Kris Johnson (Pat), Claude Bailey (?)

Called to Order: 10:20 a.m. [* denotes action item]

Comments: Thanks to LinnAnn for use of nature center "cabin in the woods." Welcome to new board member, Marie Kerr.

Agenda Additions: SE-EPPC Conf report (Dan) and McMinnville conf (Mike)

Minutes: Approved August 3, 2010, minutes with amended paragraph.

Treasurer's Report: See attached.

TIPS: Grant \$5,000, 5-year agreement to support activity on ground of EDRR for state CWMA from USFWS to eradicate new state species on list before spread. Helpful for private land treatment where other dollars cannot be spent or red tape is too cumbersome. Agreement is between TN-EPPC and FWS; TN-EPPC serves as pass-through for the grant, providing front end money with reimbursement from FWS. Anni* will make a separate line item on our treasurer's report to reflect these transactions. Brian reports it is possible to amend agreement and get more money if initial amount is spent before five years. Annual reports from TIPS must be submitted to FWS. Plant species list is in development.

Web Site: We need bio info and photos from Marie* and Mike.* Brian* and Andrea* will come up with list of featured exotics for home page box. Sara* and Marie* will do Kevin's list of plant profiles. LinnAnn* is doing Jack's. Still need Mike's*, Claude's*, and Andrea's* lists. Deadline is end of this year.

Sawtooth Oak Response: Claude* has list of oak substitutes for letter and will get letter to Mike* for review.

Paulownia Brochure: Andrea* will check with Terri on progress of her dialogue with Clatterbuck. Should we expend energy to determine if this wood has any current market value? Given the age of this brochure and its likely low level of impact, we should seek easiest solution. Perhaps we can simply get it pulled from the internet.

Wildland Weeds: Margie submitted a brief article on TN-IWAW. Sara* might do article on goat work with kudzu in Knoxville. Louise Zepp said we could reproduce all or part

of LinnAnn's article in *Tennessee Conservationist* in other publications with credit. LinnAnn* will submit to WW. Mike* will help LinnAnn approach *Green Times*, nursery publication, as well.

SE-EPPC has proposed a cost increase per member for WW to \$10. Our discussion reflected questions about the amount of increase, its impact on membership roles, and the number of issues per year.

Tennessee Naturalist: Committee has elected not to pursue a third proposal to NSF and will seek to expand program via chapters. A pilot program is underway at Owl's Hill Nature Sanctuary in Brentwood. Possibility for AmeriCorp volunteer to head chapter expansion effort. David Hill of State Parks wrote an article for *Trails and Times* that has generated interest. Margie is writing an article for *Tennessee Conservationist*. There is no reason to continue to monitor this at TN-EPPC. Our goal was to ensure that invasive species made it into the curriculum. Discussion of exotic pest species and their impacts are required as an integral part of the curriculum throughout the course.

Grass Symposium: Kris reported: "I was not able to get the display in for free. They wanted a vendor fee even for a non-profit. The person in charge of registration offered to put a link to TN-EPPC Web site on the UT Center for Native Grasslands site, but this has not happened so she may have been overruled. The conference and center focus more on biofuels and forage than on native plant communities. I did not attend, but three of my co-workers did." Marie attended and felt that it was not just for forage and biofuels. The agenda seemed to be industry oriented, but that was deceptive. Some programs were restoration and burns oriented. Native grass seed vendors were there.

TN-EPPC Display: Pat* and Dan* will help Margie* develop updates for current display, Andrea will check with SE-EPPC to see if they are planning a good display template that we could use for a rollup screen model. Bob has a possible printer for regular display printing. Mike's banner company filed for bankruptcy. Brian paid \$500 for roll up screen for NA conference three years ago. We might consider SE-EPPC grant to help with new display costs. Display needs - January Wilderness Wildlife Week, March Lawn & Garden, April Pilgrimage. Possible TN-IWAW presentation events in February. Dec. 2, LinnAnn will speak to Clarksville Audubon on invasive plants.

Invasive Plant List: Any update to the current list might come from TIPS' list if it includes a new species. We need a couple of people on the lookout for new plants to watch. LinnAnn* has agreed, and Kris would be a good choice. LinnAnn* will ask her. Brian* is our EDDMapS report reviewer and will also help. This will simplify major revisions.

Membership: Dan* will send renewals in January. Andrea brought cards for him. Anni* will talk to Marshall Allen regarding board. Margie* will continue to look at electronic newsletter.

SE-EPPC might help us provide funding for membership brochures. Budget year begins Oct. 1. Proposals need to be submitted by state chapters. Margie* will write

proposal on membership brochures for rep to submit. We will request a template design that can be easily adapted by various state chapters.

Need someone to take Nancy's place as our rep to SE-EPPC. Andrea* will be our rep and LinnAnn* will be backup. Andrea* will find out what we need to do to submit requests regarding display and membership brochures.

TDA Pest Plant List: It was determined that now is not a good time to proceed with any additions or changes to the list.

TN-IWAW: Week will be Feb. 21-26, 2011. Margie* will contact previous list of supporting organizations to encourage planning of pest plant removal events or community presentations on invasive plants. We will submit a press release regarding week and any associated activities statewide and post all activities on our Web calendar. There is no effort to seek any official state recognition as in past years.

New Business:

MTNA Trade Show: Mike attended in McMinnville for classes, etc. There was a presentation by Michael Kassees, Forest Nursery, on "Effect of the Exotic Invasive Plant Movement on the Middle Tennessee Nursery Industry." He brought up Connecticut model for stop-grow list of plants and asked for proof that these plants are detrimental to the wild. Costs for control and the impact on wildlife are two possible responses. It would be good to research and tally different agencies' involvement and their combined costs. Doug Tallamy's book *Bringing Nature Home* book provides wildlife impacts. Use nursery industry's experience with fire ants as an invasive and the control costs they must bear as a parallel. Sara* will research recent impact studies so we might develop paper addressing the costs of invasive species. Board members* need to send her questions/suggestions. SE-EPPC might pay to develop this data regionally with states contributing. Target use for a variety of paper topics would be good use of SE-EPPC funds/effort. Bob* will communicate with SE-EPPC president on this discussion and Brian* will help with possible proposal development on the impacts paper idea. Mike* will use this info to put together a presentation on this issue for the trade show and other green industry applications.

Species for Erosion Control: Harry researched species in seed mixtures and discovered TDOT recommendations for erosion control in road projects include TN-EPPC listed species in their highways and storm water manuals plus TDEC's sediment and erosion handbook. Previous efforts to discuss with TDOT and TDEC have not been effective at removing problem species. We did send a letter to Gerald Nicely regarding landscaping choices in 2003.

Need seed replacements that can be cost effective and meet certain conditions - fast germination, steep slope situations, etc. Pat* and Harry* will draft a letter. Marie* and Mike* will work on recommendations. Anni* will find out who within organizations to approach. These efforts should be brought to next meeting.

SE-EPPC Conference Call: Dan took the call. Joyce Bender talked of next meeting in Lexington, KY, May 3-5, 2011. Discussed *Wildland Weeds*, budget, Virginia Tech project.

Next Meeting: Feb. 11, 2011, at Cordell Hull SP, LinnAnn* will ask Robin Peeler Whooten. Meeting to include nominations for secretary and vice president.

Adjourned 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Margie Hunter

TREASURER'S REPORT – November 10, 2010
TENNESSEE EXOTIC PEST PLANT COUNCIL

GENERAL OPERATING ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance:	(August 3, 2010)	\$7,376.95
Receipts:		
	Memberships	\$20.00
	Donations	\$100.00
Expenses:		
	Memberships	(\$120.00)
	SE-EPPC refund	(\$65.00)
Ending Balance:	(November 10, 2010)	\$7,311.95

MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance:	(August 3, 2010)	\$3,940.46
Net Interest Earned:		.49
Ending Balance:	(November 10, 2010)	\$3,940.95

TOTAL ASSETS OF GENERAL & MM ACCOUNTS **\$11,252.90**