

**TN-EPPC Board Meeting  
June 4, 2013  
GroWild, Fairview, TN**

Attendance: Andrea Bishop, Marie Tackett, Mike Berkley, Margie Hunter, Pat Parr, LinnAnn Welch, Sara Kuebbing

Absent (proxy): Kris Johnson (Marie), Anni Self (Andrea), Belinda Esham (Pat)

Guests: Kitty McCracken (ORNL), Justin Coffey (NPS), Trent Jett (ORNL)

Meeting called to order 10:25 a.m. [ \* ] denotes action item

Minutes: Feb. 14, 2013, minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Attached. Accounts \$6,313.42. PayPal \$520.95. Expenses are t-shirts (\$549.21), Lawn and Garden booth (\$36.00), and second display board (\$570.00). Income from memberships is \$170. Sent Lee Patrick (SE-EPPC) our tax info for Oct. 2011 to Sept. 2012. Remaining balance is high enough to look for project ideas, such as membership brochure. Received \$100 donation from Community Foundation of Greater Chattanooga (Jennifer and Jay Mills). TN Valley Wild Ones made a \$50 donation for brochures we provided their symposium.

Web Site

Plant Profiles: Justin is finished and sending it to Margie. Kitty sent hers in. Mike's and a few from Andrea are still outstanding.

Scout boot brush information is ready to post. We will work to develop a 'how-to' instruction sheet despite the fact that the guy who designed the sign won't provide specifics.

Pat provided summary of Oak Ridge Workshop on disc with program's PowerPoint presentation and pictures for the Web site. Margie\* will post.

Cost of Invasives: Sara has put together back page information for the handout. She\* will email it to members\* for review and suggestions to finalize.

Loosestrife on Nolichucky: TVA and TWRA plan to survey remaining sections of the river where they own property and implement control measures. Troy Evans will then determine what sections remain to survey.

Email Newsletter: Pat\* and Sara\* will help Belinda\* develop template.

Letter to TDOT: Idea that natives don't work is entrenched at the agency citing cost and other difficulties in response to public comments on their manual revision. Any communication needs to be more convincing than just suggestions. Marie\* would like

help drafting a suitable letter to make a strong case for inclusion of native plant material in their erosion and storm water management manual. Anni's input would be helpful since TDOT mentions avoidance of noxious weeds.

TIPS: Committee developed a TN Cooperative Weed Management Area strategic plan draft Feb. 2013 and is soliciting final comments. Andrea\* will forward it to the board. Money is still available for rapid response regarding cogongrass. They are looking to add other species.

Membership: Andrea sent out 61 card reminders including instructions for online renewals. Marie\* will set up a TN-EPPC display to encourage membership at the June seminar in Big South Fork.

TN-EPPC Anniversary: We need an event, such as an annual meeting symposium at a Middle Tennessee state park with an inn and restaurant or perhaps at Lipscomb University's Sustainability Program (Dodd Galbraith) with statewide overview session and smaller breakout sessions similar to our community workshops. We should consider vendor displays and a field trip to green roof (downtown or Franklin). We need to request information and photos from Lee Patrick, Bob Parrish, Brian Bowen for history presentation. We could recognize past board members. LinnAnn\* will check with Bob and Lee. Andrea\* will talk with Brian and spearhead efforts. Sara\* will approach Dan Simberloff at UT as a speaker. Mike\* will contact Dodd. Pat suggests we gather historical documents - newsletters, workshop programs, etc. - to scan for Web site.

Clean Quarries: Other areas of the state are having trouble with contaminated gravel. We should try to expand what Kris is doing in the Smokies and encourage more inspections statewide. We might list inspected and cleared quarries on our Web site. Sara\* will email Kris for direction.

T-shirts: Cost per shirt is \$11.00. We will charge \$15.00. We bought 50 shirts to sell at events. Marie will take some for the June workshop, and Andrea will take some. TN-EPPC will give one to Alix, the designer.

Big South Fork Workshop: Set for June 27, 9:00 to 4:00, featuring talks from Lee Patrick, Nancy Fraley, and Mike Berkley, maybe Alix, among others, control techniques and demonstration, cuttings for identification, and EDRR. TNPS wildflower book, Margie's book, posters, plants, etc., will be used for a raffle. They will develop handouts on chemicals. Anni\* will help Marie with pesticide credits. A small fee (\$5 or \$10 for year membership) with online registration goes through PayPal like the Oak Ridge workshop. Marie\* will get a press release out this week.

NA-EPPC Phone Conference: They discussed new officers and bylaws changes, \$3500 in the treasury. NISAW was cancelled due to sequester. NA-EPPC is co-hosting conference in Chicago with Natural Areas this fall, looking at ASTM protocols for native plant landscaping and green building with EPA, and working to have Arbor Day foundation remove Golden Raintree from mailings.

## Events

Nashville Lawn & Garden -- Distributed lots of information.

TN Valley Wild Ones Native Plant Symposium -- Presentation by Kris was cancelled due to the sequester.

SE-EPPC meeting -- They have \$8,500 in account and are looking for new officers (Jim Burke president) and National EPPC liaison. Sara provided them our chapter update slides. TN-EPPC did not have a representative there. We might use some of our funds to send a board member to conferences if expenses cannot be covered in other ways.

Naturalist Training: We would like to offer general information on invasive species, training on certain species identification, and reporting through EDDMapS and herbarium specimens. Statewide species to cover will include Garlic Mustard, Bradford Pear (*Pyrus calleryana*), privet, *Nandina*, burning bush, cogongrass, oriental bittersweet, and purple loosestrife. Chapter hosts might wish to stage an invasive species bioblitz on their property in conjunction. Margie\* will develop program and check with TNP for best presentation outlet - one session for all chapters to attend or several sessions scheduled for individual or groups of chapters. If individualized, we might include invasive species particular to that area. Some reporting databases note areas of invasive species' absence. EDDMapS does not, however, noting this could be helpful in other ways.

Comments on APHIS Plant Importation Rule: Nothing has changed on this issue.

Next Meeting: Obed Wild & Scenic River visitors center, Oct. 24, 10:30 EDT.

Meeting adjourned 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margie Hunter  
Secretary

**TREASURER'S REPORT – June 4, 2013**

**TENNESSEE EXOTIC PEST PLANT COUNCIL**

**GENERAL OPERATING ACCOUNT**

Beginning Balance: (February 1, 2013)		<b>\$3,354.58</b>
Receipts:		
	Memberships	\$170.00
	Donations	\$0.00
Expenses:		
	TN EPPC T-shirts	\$549.21
	Lawn & Garden Show Booth	\$36.00
	Display Board (#2)	\$570.00
Ending Balance: (June 1, 2013)		<b>\$2,369.37</b>

**MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT**

Beginning Balance: (February 1, 2013)		<b>\$3,943.93</b>
Net Interest Earned:		\$0.12
Ending Balance: (June 1, 2013)		<b>\$3,944.05</b>

**TOTAL ASSETS OF GENERAL & MM ACCOUNTS \$6,313.42**

**PAY PAL ACCOUNT**

Beginning Balance: (February 1, 2013)		<b>\$482.43</b>
Receipts:		
	Memberships	\$40.00
	Donations	\$0.00
Expenses:		
	PayPal Fees	\$1.48
Ending Balance: (June 1, 2013)		<b>\$520.95</b>

**TOTAL ASSETS OF ALL ACCOUNTS \$6,834.37**