

TN-EPPC Board Meeting
August 3, 2010
Cumberland Mountain State Park

Attendance: Terri Hogan, Andrea Bishop, Dan Brown, LinnAnn Welch, Kris Johnson, Anni Self, Margie Hunter, Mike Berkley

Absent (proxy): Bob Parrish (LinnAnn), Claude Bailey (Mike), Pat Parr (Kris)

Guests: Harry Quarles, ORNL; Marie Kerr, Big South Fork; Sara Kuebbing, UT grad student

Called to order 10:13 a.m. [* denotes action item]

Minutes: May 12 approved. Amended treasurer's report from May 12 approved.

Treasurer's Report: August 3 attached. Conference figures reflect: an additional charge from Read House (main charge in May 12 minutes, SE-EPPC's 60% share of \$2,688.32, shares to other states for their memberships collected in registration, and a share to SERI. SE-EPPC approved our keeping all silent auction proceeds. We currently have \$11,317.41 in total assets. Treasurer's Report approved.

Board Members: Claude and Bob will continue and Dan will continue on year to year basis. Letters of farewell and appreciation for Kevin Fitch, Jack Gilpin, Nancy Fraley were available for all to sign.

SE-EPPC Annual Meeting 2010 Overview: Next year is in Kentucky. Ours featured a strong program, lots of students attended. Small overall attendance of about 100. Only glitch was recognition of government rate for rooms at Read House, but it was corrected. Flow was great (thanks to Terri) and good field trips. Nice to have joint meetings with SERI to hear other perspectives. Everyone loved Chattanooga. Silent auction went well, but too much work for what we got. Need to have someone who lives in host city to solicit donations. Two good sessions on cogongrass. Keynote on economic costs was good. Restoration presentations. Other EPPC's projects, education and outreach efforts are good to emulate.

TIPS: Sponsored a series of workshops in May on cogongrass for TDOT employees driving roadsides and extension, NRCS, TDA. Two in Chattanooga and a couple in Jackson done by Alan Trently, and one in Lewisburg. TIPS now headed by Brian and Greg Armel (UT).

TIPS' CWMA is applying for a \$5,000 grant from FWS and money will flow through TN-EPPC. To be used on any plant species newly spotted in the state that we have a chance to effectively control. We will invoice the grant body as requests come in and funnel payments to requesting party. List of plants that CWMA is trying to keep out of TN or newly introduced and can be addressed per parameters was developed by committee (Dwayne Estes, Pat Cox, Brian Bowen, Mark Gudling, etc.). Government

agencies or private landowners can apply for grant money. Grant has been submitted to FWS but not yet approved.

Web Site: Plant profiles needed from several board members - Mike, Claude, Kevin, Jack, Andrea, and LinnAnn. LinnAnn will do Jack's list. Need recommendations for species for Alert box on Home page. Board members* urged to send their suggestions to Margie. Terri* will forward Margie email regarding problems printing out pdfs on the site. Margie* needs to update board page.

Sawtooth Oak Letter: Nothing done yet, Claude and Mike.

Paulownia Brochure: Terri has begun dialogue with Wayne Clatterbuck to educate him. Clatterbuck claims it is not invasive. Wrote brochure on use and growth for landowners. Is there is any real market for the wood? If not, then extension is misleading people. We should perhaps research that question.

Wildland Weeds Articles: Write a TIPS article - maybe by Becky Koepke, UT extension. Anni* will ask her. It would be good for LinnAnn's *Tennessee Conservationist* article to go in *Green Times*, Tennessee Nursery and Landscape Assoc's quarterly magazine. LinnAnn* will ask Louise Zepp if we could use it for this. Dan* will "almost guarantee" his farm article.

Tennessee Naturalist Program: Submitting third grant application to NSF this fall. Starting a pilot program at Owl's Hill Nature Sanctuary in Brentwood, TN, this fall. Folks on the committee will teach classes. Need info from state agencies on volunteer needs, etc., to develop Tier II class curriculum. Andrea* will help Margie talk to appropriate people at TDEC.

Conferences: 7th Annual Eastern Native Grass Symposium is in Knoxville, Oct. 5-8, 2010, "Native Grasses on Working and Natural Landscapes." Organized through UT. Would be valuable to have talks on invasive grasses and discuss diversity. Some programs will deal with biofuels, and they need reminding that monocultures are not good. Might want to have our display there, and Andrea* will check with organizers. Four people from GSMNP are going and could set up the display.

NAA Conference in Osage Beach, MO, Oct. 26-29, "Natural Resource Connections Across Generations & Disciplines," will include NAEPPC again. Mid-South Native Plant Conference is in Memphis, TN, Oct. 8-10, at the Dixon Gallery & Gardens. All conferences info should be on our Web site.

Board Issues:

Presentation to Terri: Beautiful handmade journal was presented by Dan with our sincere thanks, love, and best wishes as she leaves us for her new job at Congaree in South Carolina.

Potential Board Members: John Froeschaur can't do it. LinnAnn suggested Robin Peeler Wooten. Guests Harry, Sara, and Marie are good candidates as all have expressed interest. Terri Killifer has expressed interest. TDOT's Shawn Bible in the

Roadscape program is a possibility. Someone else from the private sector might be good, but without agency support for travel and expenses, it can be hard to ask others to be involved. Mike suggested Jerry Blankenship, TDOT Roadscape committee member and TNLA past president, who could possibly serve as a liaison to TNLA. Anni* might ask Marshall Allen for advice on others to contact.

Newsletter: Using Google application we can develop an electronic newsletter to embed in an email. Margie* will work on this before the next meeting. Terri and Anni have email list of members. Terri* will forward her list to Anni.

Membership Reminders: Sent in January and worked well. We have blank cards for next round, which Dan* will send out in 2011. Margie* will add this to Web calendar. Create a board calendar of things to do annually.

Magazine Profile: Terri wrote a one-page piece on TN-EPPC for use in various local or regional publications, organization newsletters, plant associations, gardening groups, etc. Farming magazines would be good outlets to help farmers recognize plants invading old fields. Dan has an article that could be adapted too.

TN-EPPC Display: Jack Ranney did old display, at least a decade ago. We want to update photos/text on old one and create a new one in smaller, easier to carry format for scroll version. Mike* will get us name of company that did a scroll up sign for him and get prices from Fast Signs (cousin) on text/photo boards for old display. Terri* will get prices for new photo/text boards (old display) at MTSU. Margie* will look at text for any revisions and research photos, use same species plus cogongrass. Maybe include a shot of group removal. Marie* will send one to Margie. Anni* will look for old invoice to find who actually made the original one at UT. SAMAB might have been involved. Beth Long at UT does printing for Anni. Maybe get sponsorships from SAMAB, TVA, UT, NPS, etc.

Dan suggested that we consider putting together a video display for booths sometime in the next year or so. Would be good for things like NashvilleLawn & Garden Show. [There is no new location for this event yet.]

Invasive Plant List Update: Need a replacement for Terri's email on Web site for reporting invasives. TN-EPPC should establish a standing committee for regular review and consideration of any new species submissions for listing. Margie* will send info on *Fatoua villosa*, hairy crab weed, to everyone. LinnAnn* and Kris* will take on the reporting responsibilities.

TN-IWAW 2011: NIWAW is now NISAW in January. We will keep our IWAW at the end of Feb. and correspond with our list of supporting organizations to encourage removal projects, offer to help with publicity if they need, and request events details and photos for our Web site. We will not do a big media push ourselves this year. Margie* will begin process this fall.

TDA Pest Plant List: TN-EPPC needs to write a letter to initiate process for list additions. Election this Nov. will change commissioner and maybe director. Letter could get lost. Brian Bowen has a list in mind, including perhaps Japanese honeysuckle and Bradford

pear. Anni* will email it to everyone. There is a protocol in place to assemble a review committee and consider plant recommendations.

Materials: Terri and Anni brought materials on cogongrass and emerald ash borer for board members to take.

Upcoming Events for Display: Grass Symposium (Oct) and Wilderness Wildlife Week (Jan.) Mike* will get display to Margie* who will take it to Sugarlands (GSMNP) for Kris.

Next Meeting: November 9, Tuesday, or Nov. 10, Wed. Beaman Park.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Margie Hunter

TREASURER'S REPORT – August 3, 2010
TENNESSEE EXOTIC PEST PLANT COUNCIL

GENERAL OPERATING ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance: (May 12, 2010) **\$7,689.19**

Receipts:

Memberships 45.00

SEEPC/SER 4,024.00

Expenses:

Memberships (440.00)

SEEPC (2,688.32)

SER (657.28)

Printing (308.00)

Read House (287.64)

Ending Balance: (August 3, 2010) **\$7,376.95**

MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance: (May 12, 2010) **\$3,939.97**

Net Interest Earned: 1.09

Ending Balance: (August 3, 2010) **\$3,940.46**

TOTAL ASSETS OF GENERAL & MM ACCOUNTS \$11,317.41