

**TN-IPC Board Meeting
Opryland Hotel, Dec. 13, 2017**

Attendance: Margie Hunter, David Adams, Adam Datillo, Kitty McCracken, Katy Kilbourne, Mike Berkley, Jimmy Groton

Conference Call: Christine Bertz, Chris Oswald, Belinda Ferro.

Absent: Pat Parr, Kris Johnson, Mark Whited

Minutes

Minutes from the August 10, 2017, meeting are approved.

Treasurer's Report

We received \$660 in donations from Oak Ridge National Labs, Rosemark Garden Club, Conley DBA, and Anni Self for the period.

SE-EPPC Grant represents a pass through of \$1,000 to Ijams Nature Center in Knoxville for the workshop.

We sold one t-shirt. What is our stock of shirts? Christine has one of each size. Belinda will email Pat about the current design artwork to update with our new name. We might not want to order any right now with money so tight.

The board agreed to move all money from PayPal to the Money Market account.

We want to have donation boxes available at all workshops, public events, Weed Wrangle's, etc. Katy made a list of TN-IPC initiatives to display at events and encourage donations.

Innovations Conference

Thanks to those board members who set up continuing education credits for attendees across the nation and to Mike, Jimmy, and Adam as presenters. Steve said turnout is good with 230 registered and a few more expected.

Adam's talk discusses ROW maintenance, taking what TVA has learned and applying it to invasive species treatment, an evolution in thinking.

Mike's talk focuses on suburbia and the homeowner's point of view -- how to use native species to fill the vacuum left after invasive species are removed.

Jimmy will talk about the Weed Wrangle experience in Oak Ridge as part of a panel.

TN-IPC List Update

This list comment period remained active longer than intended, yet only generated comments from four people. Comments included the consideration to add *Perilla frutescens* (beefsteak plant from Justin Coffey) and look into *Firmiana simplex* (Chinese parasol tree from Lisa Huff) which is displaying aggressive root spread around Knoxville. Larry Pounds found it on ORNL (Jimmy will recheck with him) and Stacy (UT Arboretum) found it in research plots. Kevin Hoyt was encouraged to treat it on the arboretum property. Adam, Jimmy, Belinda and Kitty will check on these Knoxville occurrences. Once we have settled the *Firmiana* situation, Kitty, Belinda, and Adam will draft a single response for all comments to post on our Web site no later than Jan. 31.

Belinda will post a final comment on the list site. Margie will ask Doug to shut down the comments component. Kitty will see if we can get *Wildland Weeds* to layout the new list for publication that we can print later.

Ijams Presentation/Workshop

Kitty did a 2.5 hour lecture on information and control methods for various invasive species. She brought equipment to demonstrate. There was a lively discussion regarding public attitudes toward herbicides. The workshop was conducted in association with Urban Forestry and dealt with managing invasives on private land.

SE-EPPC Grant

Despite our collaborative effort for larger grant amount, SE-EPPC decided to spread the available money and gave all applicants \$1000. Ben Nanny at Ijams will schedule a removal effort in the spring focused on *Ficaria verna* followed by planting. Kitty will talk to him about dates.

Quarry Program with Vulcan

David has worked some with Kris Johnson, and there isn't much to report this time. What Vulcan appears to want is similar to the type of certification TDA does for the prevention and spread of pests and diseases. North Carolina does this for quarries. Katy reports that quarry certification can be done here, but the stumbling block in Tennessee is sufficient agriculture staff who can identify invasive species. Division of Forestry just hired Diane Warwick to work with invasives. Perhaps she could do the land management portion with quarries while agriculture handles the certification. TN-IPC will invite her to the next meeting to discuss this plan further.

2018 Weed Wrangles

TCWP will stage wrangles in March, August, and November at Oak Ridge Barrens, and another one during National Public Lands Day (end of September) at Worthington Cemetery partnering with TVA. Division of National Areas will host one at an as-yet unnamed state natural area. Tennessee State Parks will participate again, with likely more parks involved.

A planning meeting in November at Steve Manning's office set a collaboration with Hands On Nashville to help market the event for volunteer recruitment and registration. Participating groups should submit their forms by early January.

2018 Workshops

None are planned at this time, but the board should consider locations and begin to lay plans. Chattanooga area might be a good place to start given dedicated groups like Tennessee Valley Wild Ones chapter, Lookout Mountain, Tennessee Naturalist chapter at Audubon Acres, and Tennessee/Alabama/Georgia Plant Conservation Alliance partnership. TN-IPC will draft ideas for a workshop at our February meeting.

Public Events

Todd Breyer is restructuring programming for the Nashville Lawn and Garden Show. Mike will ask him about including an Invasives 101 program. Kitty will check with

Knoxville Home and Garden Show. Christine will check in Memphis. We will need people to do the presentations.

Brochures

We have plenty of the invasive brochure Jamie Harold redesigned. We do need more of the others. Board members should send Kitty a count of the Landscaping and Alternatives brochures each has on hand. Margie developed a half-page flyer for general distribution at public events regarding the brochures' online availability for download in place of distributing the actual brochures, saving them for people who express strong interest. Margie will send the flyer file to Kitty.

Fundraising

This topic will be tabled for the February meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Hunter
Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT – December 13, 2017
TENNESSEE INVASIVE PLANT COUNCIL

GENERAL OPERATING ACCOUNT		
Beginning Balance:	(August 10, 2017)	\$771.25
Receipts:		
	Donations (ORNL, Conley/DBA, Rosemark Garden Club)	+\$560.00
	SE-EPPC Grant	+\$1000.00
	<i>Total Receipts: \$1560.00</i>	
Expenses:		
	Disbursement of grant funds to Ijams Nature Center	-\$1000.00
	<i>Total Expenses: \$1000.00</i>	
Ending Balance:	(December 13, 2017)	\$1331.25

MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT		
Beginning Balance:	(August 10, 2017)	\$784.83
Net Interest Earned:		+\$0.04
Ending Balance:	(December 13, 2017)	\$784.87

TOTAL ASSETS OF GENERAL & MM ACCOUNTS	\$2116.08
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PAYPAL ACCOUNT		
Beginning Balance:	(August 10, 2017)	\$836.04
Receipts:		
	Donation (Anni Self)	+100.00
	T-Shirt Sales & Shipping (\$18 x 1)	+\$18.00
Expenses:		
	Paypal Fees	-\$3.20
Ending Balance:	(December 13, 2017)	\$950.84

TOTAL ASSETS OF ALL ACCOUNTS	\$3066.96
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Recommendations:

- Transfer PayPal balance to Money Market Acct. unless we anticipate upcoming online payments
- Inventory of t-shirt sizes now that we are occasionally receiving orders