

TN-IPC Board Meeting
Aug. 17, 2016
GroWild, Nashville

Attendance: Kitty McCracken, Alix Pfenningwerth, Adam Datillo, Christine Bertz, Andrea Bishop, Mike Berkeley, Margie Hunter

Absent: Kris Johnson (Kitty), Chris Oswalt (Adam), Pat Parr (Andrea), Belinda Ferro (Mike), Jimmy Groton (Margie)

Guest: LinnAnn Welch

Meeting called to order at 10:40 a.m.

Minutes: June 2, 2016, approved.

Treasurer's Report: Christine Bertz is the new treasurer. Alix transferred signing rights to Kitty and Christine at Regions bank this morning. ASAP grant funds, originally designed to treat any cogongrass found in the state, were moved into the general account for easier access. Since June, outgoing funds from our general operating account included renewing Constant Contact subscription and a payment to Doug Ingram for Web site revamp. Currently the general account has \$4,244.12, \$4,945.24 in money market, and \$782.18 in PayPal for total assets at \$9,971.62. Funds will be transferred from money market account to general account to bring it above \$5,000 for the grant. Report was approved.

ASAP Grant: Since cogongrass has not been found, the funds are being used to treat privet at Overbridge State Natural Area.

Web Site Redesign: Doug Ingram developed a new Web site with a mock-up of content from two existing pages. He submitted three color variations for the header. The board chose the yellow header as brighter, calling more attention to the logo. We will request a change in letter color to green with the underline to orange and a more straightforward font like Arial. We also want him to investigate a possible side banner with hot links to items on that page to avoid scrolling through a long line of content. Margie will get a timeline for completion.

Social Media: Twitter and Facebook will be updated with our new name to debut when the Web site launches. We will have Facebook link to our Web membership page with a "sign-up" link.

Displays: Chris Armour revised the screen text to reflect our new name and Web address, and Advent Exhibits replaced the roll-up screens in our two freestanding displays.

Brochures: We are almost out of the Alternatives brochure, but have several hundred Landscaping. Andrea will check with John Froeschauer (Iris fund) or TDEC Div Natural Areas to pay for reprinting. ORNL will reprint the brochure updated by Jamie. We have \$2,700 available if needed to supplement the costs. Even though the brochures are available electronically, we still need paper copies. They are used at speaking engagements, workshops, and by other

agencies and organizations. Chris Armour updated Alternatives and Landscaping documents with new name and addresses.

Thank you notes and membership reminders with our old name will not be updated at this time. Christine will hold on to the existing stock.

Plant List Update: Adam divided a proposed species list among board members to research and assembled the responses in a spread sheet. We discussed which sources of information are best and how to use them for consistency. For both types (Emerging and Established) we will determine county documentation. For Established list plants, we will just use TENN, BONAP, and PLANTS Database. We will also add EDDMapS info for Emerging species, though it is less reliable as a credible source than herbaria specimens, and won't use SERNEC. Our information will represent vouchered specimens and field observations. All relevant data will be confined to the adjacent states. Federal noxious weeds present in adjacent states should be listed even if not in TN. We will not worry about citing literature, though it could be helpful regarding emerging threats and may be used as needed. Adam will identify the specific regional lists we should consult during each species evaluation — adjacent state EPPC/IPC lists and adjacent state legislation (noxious weeds, stop-grow lists).

Once the current proposed list has been researched and cleaned up, it will be sent to everyone who participated in the list review last year, the Tennessee Botany group, etc., along with an explanation of the protocol used to develop the list. They will be asked to suggest what should be added, what should be deleted. The key metric in our listing concept will be a judgement that each species either currently has or could have the ability to change native plant communities in various ways including: cover large acreage, reduce species richness, change hydrology, displace native plants and wildlife, affect soil, seedbank life, etc. We need to concentrate on how best to take the list and translate it into action. By next meeting (Nov), we should have the list ready for final review by the board and present a list of people for the outside review.

We might investigate an SE-EPPC grant to fund intern development of an annotated bibliography on invasive species.

Weed Wrangles 2017: Kitty proposed sponsoring workshops in conjunction with city weed wrangles to provide public information on chemical treatments, products on market, PPE, following label, etc., to produce a more lasting effect from mechanical removal promoted at the wrangles. Currently, the work done is often fleeting without some means of more permanent control. ORNL staff, TVA personnel, IPC could take lead in some cities for this effort. TN-IPC board members could demonstrate EDDMapS reporting.

Could we get municipal crews that might come spray for most effective work outcome for these wrangles rather than simply cut and have much of it grow back? Need to be in early wrangle planning meetings to arrange ways to have treatment crews follow the work being done. Adam will float idea of TVA staff handling herbicide applications in the Weed Wrangle cities. It would be a PR plus for them. Kitty will find out the planning dates in Knoxville and Chattanooga, Nashville planning usually begins at the end of September or early October according to Steve Manning.

2017 Joint TN-IPC / SE-EPPC Meeting: Chris Oswalt will be the chairperson for the event to be held in Knoxville in October. Possible venues include downtown hotels and locations associated with UT. We should check for on-site alcohol sales as a potential money maker. Kitty will attend this year's meeting in South Carolina and will determine specifics on what SE-EPPC contributes to the event and what they expect from us.

Next Meeting: Dates for the Doodle Poll are Nov. 9, 10, 16, 17. We may meet in Knoxville, Cookeville, or Crossville.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Margie Hunter
Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT – August 17 2016

TENNESSEE INVASIVE PLANT COUNCIL

GENERAL OPERATING ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance:	(June 2 2016)	\$544.22
Receipts:		
	ASAP Grant Funds	+\$5,000.00
Expenses:		
	Book for Justin	-\$32.10
	Constant Contact Subscription (1 year)	-\$168.00
	Doug Ingram	-\$1,100.00
	(Website Development Payment 1)	
Ending Balance:	(August 17 2016)	\$4,244.12

MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance:	(June 2 2016)	\$4,945.24
Net Interest Earned:		+\$0.08
Ending Balance:	(August 17 2016)	\$4,945.32

TOTAL ASSETS OF GENERAL & MM ACCOUNTS **\$9,189.44**

PAY PAL ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance:	(June 2 2016)	\$782.18
Receipts:	N/A	+\$0.00
Expenses:	N/A	-\$0.00
Ending Balance:	(August 17 2016)	\$782.18

TOTAL ASSETS OF ALL ACCOUNTS **\$9,971.62**