

Tennessee Invasive Plant Council
Ensafe Office, Knoxville, TN
March 19, 2019

Attendance

Kitty McCracken, Jimmy Groton, Katy Kilbourne, Diane Warwick, Margie Hunter, Bill Moll, Kris Johnson, Jamie Herold, Belinda Ferro, Pat Parr

Absent

Sam King, Mark Whited, Christine Bertz

Minutes

Approved Dec. 14, 2018 minutes

Treasurer's Report

Total assets of \$3662.04. Christine will move \$1200 from general operating to the money market account. Report approved. Bill, Kitty, and Katy gave Margie membership cash to send to Christine with Lawn & Garden donations. Report attached.

Board News

Chris Oswalt has resigned from the board. Mike, Andrea and Adam received their gift cards. Regarding new board members, Marie Tackett suggested someone on her staff at Big South Fork, Kris will investigate. We need someone from nursery industry – maybe Avi Askey, Eileen or Phil (Overhill Gardens -- Bill), Michelle Campanus (UT Arboretum - Jamie). Joey Shaw might get a student involved, and/or Dan Simberloff at UTK. Any of these interested should be asked to attend the next meeting if possible. We also need to check with Dave Adams who now works with Corps of Engineers to see if he is still on the board. Jimmy will see if Memphis' regulatory people have any suggestions. Once Alix Pfennigworth gets established at Great Smoky Mountains, she might return to the board. We need a botanist like Adam. Jimmy will check with Kevin Willis at Arnold Air Force Base who is involved with habitat restoration there. Also, there is a new SGI rep for the Chattanooga area, a former student of Dwayne Estes. Jamie will get his name.

Remote conferencing – Bill suggested Zoom, as it is easy to use with a computer and a better option than the phone for those who cannot attend in person. Bill will investigate it further.

New officers – At the June meeting, the board will elect a new President and any other open board position to assume those duties at the following meeting. Kitty will email everyone about shifting these duties and check with those who don't come to see if they still want to serve on the board.

Homeowners' Guide

Tennessee Division of Forestry is printing 5,000 copies, which are expected soon. Bill requested more brochures for upcoming events. Anyone needing brochures should email Kitty

for copies and the 'Most Unwanted' posters. Kitty will ask Oak Ridge about printing the new plant list.

Letter to Agriculture Commissioner

Anni will meet with the commissioner to discuss it. Any supporting information on species spread and agency money spent for control will be helpful. We can use the information Alix gathered, and Sam is researching newer info. TDA will set up a committee of people to review from nursery industry, academia, field botanists, farmers, and other groups. TN-IPC should research legislation passed in other states like Connecticut for the possibility of drafting something for Tennessee through The Sierra Club. Belinda will send Bill examples from other states.

Workshop

Chattanooga area is a good location for March 2020, with Reflection Riding as a possible location. It will be one day with morning talks and afternoon demonstrations focusing on how to manage invasive species. We can apply for herbicide points to pull in professionals from various agencies. We should film demos for posting on our website. Potential topics:

- Managing large acreage (Kris, Kitty, ?)

- EDDMapS training (Margie)

- Non-chemical methods of control – pros and cons per species

- Information on glyphosate (academic perspective related to research) Katy can ask UTK Prevention (Kris, inspecting quarries, PlayCleanGo demonstration)

- Demonstrations (Sam) mechanical, herbicide (Who did Big South Fork hire in Justin's place?)

Attendance at previous workshops was 75 in Oak Ridge (attracted landscapers and homeowners and partnered with local groups), 30 at Oneida, Big South Fork, and 30 Memphis Botanic Garden. Reflection Riding could handle 35. A larger crowd would need a tent or different facility. We could meet at a larger facility for the talks, break for lunch, and reconvene at RR for the demonstrations. TN River Gorge, Lookout Mountain, and other land trusts, federal and state parks could be partners. Martin McKnight is the new president at Reflection Riding. Bill will discuss it with him and with Wild Ones members as volunteers and other potential partners. We will charge a small fee of \$10.

The city of Chattanooga is setting up a program for landscape managers to certify them in planting and maintaining natives landscapes and avoiding invasive species. The program will involve multiple courses.

Next Meeting

Late May or early June in Nashville.

Respectfully submitted,
Margie Hunter
Secretary

TN-IPC Treasurer's Report March 19, 2019

GENERAL OPERATING ACCOUNT		
Beginning Balance:	(December 12, 2018)	\$1822.41
Receipts:	Board Dues	\$20.00
	Hosta Society Speaker Honorarium (Bertz)	\$100.00
	Total Receipts:	\$120.00
Expenses:	Doug Ingram – Webhosting + domain renewal	-\$150.34
	Total Expenses:	-\$150.34
Ending Balance:	(March 18, 2019)	\$1792.07
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT		
Beginning Balance:	(December 12, 2018)	\$1735.86
Receipts:	N/A	
Expenses:	N/A	
Net Interest Earned:	December - February	\$0.03
Ending Balance:	(March 18, 2019)	\$1735.89
PAYPAL ACCOUNT		
Beginning Balance:	(December 12, 2018)	\$94.82
Receipts:	Board Dues	\$20.00
	Online Donation	\$20.00
	Total Receipts:	\$40.00
Expenses:	Paypal fees	-\$0.74
	Total Expenses:	-\$0.74
Ending Balance:	(March 18, 2019)	\$134.08
TOTAL ASSETS OF ALL ACCOUNTS		\$3662.04

It's time for 2019 Board Dues! \$20 per year from each board member funds many basic expenses.

To pay by check:

- Make out to TN-IPC
- Mail to Christine Bertz: 395 Avon Woods Cv., Memphis TN 38117
- *Please do not send mail to the University of Memphis; the mail system there is not reliable*

To pay using PayPal:

- Send funds to invasives@tnipc.org
- [Use the “family and friends” option if you are comfortable doing so – this avoids PayPal transfer fees](#)

[Paid for 2019:](#)

[Bill Moll](#)

[Sam King](#)