

**TN-IPC Board Meeting  
May 22, 2018  
Ellington Agricultural Center, Porter Bldg.**

Attendance

Kitty McCracken, Katy Kilbourne, Margie Hunter, Diane Warwick, Adam Datillo, Mike Berkley, Pat Parr, Jimmy Groton, Belinda Ferro, Anni Self

Absent

Christine Bertz (Katy), Mark Whited (Mike), Kris Johnson (Kitty), Chris Oswalt (Diane)

Meeting called to order 10:14 a.m.

Minutes

February 13, 2018, board meeting minutes are approved.

Treasurer's Report

The report is approved. Pat will mail a \$100 check from a garden club presentation to Christine. Our financial resources are meager.

Funding Options

Bill Moll with Wild Ones in Chattanooga wants a workshop for which we could charge a fee. Mike will talk with Bill on setting up a project. Linda Lubke with Sevier Cty Wild Ones is also interested, and Jimmy will stay in touch with her. We might coordinate an education workshop with an afternoon removal project and film sections for a webinar showing techniques, etc., to post on the Web site.

TVA Community Outreach Support grants are possible for certain weed wrangle or eradication projects on the ground in various cities, but this is not a good option for general funds. There may be possibilities in joining forces with corporate sponsors. Steve Manning is good at this, and Kitty will talk with him about the process. We could also approach garden clubs in Tennessee.

Project ideas for corporate sponsorship include education packages for schools, scout troops, etc., and funding equipment for tool banks scattered around the state for use in public park projects (cities, state parks). Belinda will approach Jack Daniels Distillery. Diane will call Clayton Homes. Kitty asked for everyone to bring ideas and progress made to the next board meeting.

Brochures

Kitty printed 3000 each of the Landscaping and Alternatives brochures through Oak Ridge National Laboratory and altered the pdf of each to reflect that "brochures were made possible by TN-IPC and Oak Ridge National Laboratory" with the ORNL logo. She's also working with the graphic designer who did the Gatlinburg brochure to format one for our new plant list. She brought five boxes of 200 each of three brochures for board members and has plenty more at ORNL. Jimmy will take a box to Christine in Memphis. Margie's half-page flyer on brochure downloads should be printed for use at large public events. Remember to charge \$0.50 per copy on any quantity requests.

## SE-EPPC/USFS Grant at Ijams (from email to board)

Ben Nanny, grounds manager at Ijams, reports they began treating fig buttercup in late February, noticing dieback within a couple of weeks. Other small populations were found and treated. Interns worked on Lenten rose and English ivy. Their Weed Wrangle (with 22 people) focused on the ivy.

## Web Site

We need new member photos/bios from Mark and Diane.

Several updates have been made to the site: Revised list comments responses and list additions, Speakers Bureau information on the contact page, deletion of the 2009 Wildland Weeds insert downloads of our old plant list as well as the "Potential" section and Alert box, and a "coming soon" notice for the Invasive Plants page which will require major restructuring.

The primary issue remaining is how best to deal with those plants no longer on the official TN-IPC list. We will delineate them as "spreading" and problematic in disturbed settings (roadsides, farms, urban and suburban) but keep them distinct from the "threat" species. Some people do find these species invasive and seek information on identifying and controlling them. Since we already have these data, it is a service we can and should provide. Placing them under a different menu tab on the site will make it easier to denote them in a way that minimizes confusion with the official threat list. We need to craft a careful explanation of their invasive traits and provide enough information to accurately characterize these species' function in the wild, which should in turn provide a sensible basis for their exclusion from the official list.

These plants are either not currently in the state or have very limited occurrence, and they are not really affecting communities. The current official list focuses on the community threat level. Established threat plants are in 10 or more counties. Emerging threat plants are in up to 10 counties and are known to be a threat elsewhere. Adam will draft an explanation from the peer review package to explain why these plants are not listed and emphasize that their removal does NOT mean they now have a clean bill of health.

A brochure of the new list will be designed by Brett Hopwood using the old *Wildland Weeds* insert from 2009 as a model. Kitty will pay him with remaining funds donated for the Gatlinburg brochure. Pictures of plants are needed. Mike suggested we put more horticultural species like Bradford Pear, Nandina, Burning Bush, Japanese Honeysuckle, and Butterfly Bush.

## Homeowners Guide

Margie replied to a Web question on the process of approaching invasive species for individual homeowners. She and Pat are collaborating on an official version for posting.

Margie was approached by a woman in Spring Hill for help educating her neighborhood community on the value of native plants. Margie would like TN-IPC and perhaps TNPS to collaborate on a set of education materials for gated communities and HOAs. This could include a short slide presentation and a workshop outline. Belinda will assist.

## Board Members and Officers

Marissa Buchanan joined TN-IPC and wants to help with education in the state. Christine was going to invite her to an upcoming board meeting. Mike is retiring from

the board after the next meeting but wants to stay in the loop. He will look into other possible industry people, such as Andy Sessions, and talk to Bill Moll about joining board. Adam will also step off the board due to work load at TVA but will continue to assist with expertise and certain projects such as finishing the revised list project. He will approach other people at TVA to serve. Kristine Johnson would like to step back as well now that Dave Adams is with NPS at the park. Allan Trently would be a very good person representing TDEC from West Tennessee, and Adam will contact him. Lisa Huff is willing to be a “stop gap,” whatever that means, but does not want to serve in a regular capacity. John Evans, horticulturist at Reflection Riding, Casey McCallister, Garden Club of Nashville, Kevin Willis, former rare plant coordinator with Arnold AFB, Yolande Gottfried, Sewanee, are also possibilities. Belinda will see where interested people are coming from to set the next meeting location and conduct a Doodle Poll for dates in early to mid-August.

### Webinars

Kitty wants to find on You Tube or record good videos to show or link to from our Web site, vetting them for accuracy and value. TN-IPC could create instructional webinars or videos on using a foam sprayer (Adam, TVA film crew), EDDMapS reporting (check training video on their site), mechanical control methods, and other chemical methods. Board members are to come with links to the next meeting for what might work. Belinda and Christine can add these links to Facebook too.

### Additions to Pest Plant Rule

Anni suggests TDEC and TNIPC formulate a letter to TDA’s commissioner or assistant commissioner requesting the rule be amended to add certain species and list these species. The process may be easier as there are more open minds on the issue now, and native plants are a stronger commercial force. TDA would need to reconvene the Pest Plant Technical Review Committee. Proposed additions should be select on their commercial availability and available data to document their invasive tendencies. Miscanthus, Mimosa, Japanese Honeysuckle. Board members should send list suggestions to Belinda for compilation.

For those plants on the current list, outlets selling them are warned first then levied a fine of \$500 per store and/or per plant. ‘Sunshine’ Ligustrum still shows up.

Maryland’s Tier 2 for noxious plants requiring invasive information on plant labels at point of sale might be tough to enforce. However, TN-IPC could include this suggestion in the letter to the commissioner.

A future goal is to ban certain plants through ordinances.

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margie Hunter

**TREASURER'S REPORT – May 22, 2018**  
**TENNESSEE INVASIVE PLANT COUNCIL**

<b>GENERAL OPERATING ACCOUNT</b>		
Beginning Balance:	(February 13, 2018)	<b>\$1091.58</b>
Receipts:		
	Board Dues	\$160.00
	<b><i>Total Receipts: \$160.00</i></b>	
Expenses:		
	N/A	
	<b><i>Total Expenses: \$0.00</i></b>	
Ending Balance:	(May 22, 2018)	<b>\$1251.58</b>

<b>MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT</b>		
Beginning Balance:	(February 13, 2018)	<b>\$1735.74</b>
Receipts:		
Net Interest Earned:		\$0.03
Ending Balance:	(May 22, 2018)	<b>\$1735.77</b>

<b>PAYPAL ACCOUNT</b>		
Beginning Balance:	(February 13, 2018)	<b>0.00</b>
Receipts:		
	Online donations	\$40.00
	Board Dues	\$100.00
Expenses:		
	Paypal fees	-\$4.28
Ending Balance:	(May 22, 2018)	<b>\$135.72</b>

<b>TOTAL ASSETS OF ALL ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>\$3123.07</b>
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Note: Still need 2018 Board dues from David, Mike, Chris, and Mark. Make out checks to TN-IPC. Mail to Christine Bertz: 395 Avon Woods Cv., Memphis TN 38117. Paypal funds to [invasives@tnipc.org](mailto:invasives@tnipc.org).TN