

**TN-IPC Board Meeting
Cumberland Mountain State Park
August 28, 2018**

Attendance

Kitty McCracken, Margie Hunter, Mike Berkley, David Adams, Pat Parr, Christine Bertz, Chris Oswalt, Diane Warwick, Katy Kilbourne

Absent

Mark Whited, Adam Datillo, Belinda Ferro, Kris Johnson, Jimmy Groton

Guests

Bill Moll, Jamie Herold, Sam King, Allen Trently

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. CDT.

Minutes

Minutes of the May 22, 2018, board meeting are approved.

Treasurer's Report

The group received \$389 in donations since May, with no expenses and total assets of \$3,524.37. We received a \$60 donation from North Carolina for a presentation by Kristine Johnson which was deposited post report. Tennessee Valley Wild Ones \$150 invoice for brochures was sent but payment has not yet been received. The report was approved and is attached. 2018 board dues are still needed from David, Chris, and Mark who can mail checks to Christine Bertz, 395 Avon Woods Cv., Memphis TN 38117, or go through Paypal on the Web site.

Adam Datillo and Mike Berkley are stepping off the board. Board members are asked to send Christine a donation to purchase gift cards for each.

TN-IPC Plant List

A designer in Knoxville is preparing the brochure for our revised list similar in format to the *Wildland Weeds* version. Descriptions of the new categories, our rationale for delisting certain species, and more photos are included. Board members recommended adding *Pyrus calleryana* and *Euonymus hederaceus* images. Margie received the last two profile updates and will work with Doug to reorganize the plant lists on our Web site.

SE-EPPC grant

Kitty got information from Ben Nanny on fig buttercup (*Ficaria verna*) project and will write it up and send to everyone for review before forwarded to SE-EPPC and USFS.

TDOA Pest Plant Rule Additions

As a followup to last meeting's discussion to add more species to the Tennessee Department of Agriculture Pest Plant Rule and perhaps create a two-tiered format (plant label warnings), Belinda compiled an initial list of recommendations from the board,

including *Pyrus calleryana*, *Spiraea japonica*, *Ranunculus ficaria*, *Nandina domestica*, *Berberis [Mahonia] bealei*, *Miscanthus sinensis*, *Hedera helix*, *Poncirus trifoliata*, *Phyllostachys* spp., *Vinca* spp., all non-native *Lonicera*, *Ligustrum* spp., *Koelreuteria paniculata*, *Berberis thunbergii*, *Euonymus hederaceus*, *Wisteria sinensis* and *W. floribunda*. What about pursuing *Albizia julibrissin* again?

These need to be checked against our new invasive species list, as a few are not on it — *Poncirus*, *Koelreuteria*, and *Berberis thunbergii* (which is more problematic in mountainous areas of Tennessee). *Poncirus* wasn't on the old list either, but the other two were. Should these be added to our revised list or should we not pursue adding them to the pest plant rule?

Regarding *Phyllostachys*, *Lonicera*, and *Ligustrum*, we need to pinpoint species that we can document as problematic in order to preserve our credibility. There are clumping, non-native bamboos that do not spread, and we need to target the spreading species. Zoos also buy and grow bamboo for animal feed. Diane will contact the zoos in Memphis, Nashville, Knoxville and Chattanooga to find out their protocol regarding bamboo.

We need to review the appeal process from last time and thoroughly review our list to determine those species for which we want to push. We might include a few others to use as bargaining chips with the nursery industry. We should also determine whether or not to include all cultivars and hybrids involving parentage from the targeted species.

Throughout the process, we should emphasize all suitable native plant substitutes that are commercially viable for nurseries and landscapers. For example, there is a good native replacement with cultivars for Japanese and Chinese wisterias. We should create a list of commercially available and viable substitute native species to give nursery vendors. It would also be good to gather supporting data showing changing market forces and consumer trends regarding invasive species and native plants.

Margie sent information to the Tennessee Native Plant Society and Tennessee Valley Wild Ones in 2017 regarding Indiana Native Plant and Wildflower Society's certification of nurseries that agree not to sell invasive species and feature native plants. TNPS was not interested, but TVWO was. However, nothing more has been heard as the person Margie contacted, Mitchell Kent, has had health problems. She will resend the information to Bill Moll for Wild Ones.

Kitty will write a letter to initiate the process with the agriculture department. Katy will send the board a copy of the current pest plant rule.

Workshops & Webinars

Belinda posted a few notices on Facebook. The board still needs to research informational sites and videos we can recommend showing treatment processes in a clear and correct manner.

Homeowners Step-by-Step Guide

Margie is continuing to revise and will send it to the rest of the board to review and critique. Perhaps photos can be added. We will post it online when finished. Margie will contact Louise Zepp at *The Tennessee Conservationist* to see if it could be an article.

Upcoming Public Events

Native Plant Conference in Memphis, Oct. 25-27 (Christine Bertz with TNPS)

Tennessee Storm Water Association at Montgomery Bell State Park, Oct. 15-17
(Diane Warwick)

Tennessee Valley Wild Ones Symposium in Chattanooga, March 16, 2019.

Christine had a TN-IPC table banner made and will make two more at \$30 each.

Tool Banks

TN-IPC wants to help organize tool banks around the state. There is already one at Ijams in Knoxville and IPC in Nashville. We need a location in Memphis, Chattanooga and some state parks in between. Storage sites need to be identified in each location. As an incentive, these sites could have unlimited access to the tools year-round. Tool use by others would be limited staged invasive removal events during the year.

Jamie will contact Steve Manning to get an idea of the type and minimum quantity of equipment needed at a tool bank and the associated costs. We can ask for donations at presentations and events dedicated to this purpose, and there may be grants for which we can apply. Garden Clubs of America clubs in Memphis, Knoxville and Chattanooga could be encouraged to purchase tools for a bank in their city by the Nashville club. We could also solicit donations from vendors at Steve's symposium in December.

Grants

Belinda checked a friend about applying for a grant from Jack Daniels in Lynchburg. They prefer to initiate grant support on their own rather than entertain outside proposals. However, it would be worth putting a bug in their ear about TN-IPC and our mission. Kitty has a contact who might help.

Tree-of-Heaven is the primary host for Lantern Fly, an invasive pest insect in the north. Grant money was available through the federal farm bill this year to support staged removals of the host tree. The deadline is past for this year, but it may come up again next year.

Katy is looking for good populations of Purple Loosestrife and Spotted Knapweed for a biocontrol study. Board members suggested she contact Kris Johnson about populations of *Lythrum salicaria* along the Nolichucky River.

Next Board Meeting

Kitty will conduct a Doodle poll for the next meeting mid November to mid December, perhaps in conjunction with Steve's Innovations conference in Nashville.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m. CDT.

Respectfully submitted,
Margie Hunter

GENERAL OPERATING ACCOUNT		
Beginning Balance:	(May 22, 2018)	\$1251.58
Receipts:	Board Dues	\$75.00
	Donations (CFGF, Nashville Lawn & Garden Show, Nashville Garden Club, Anni Self)	\$314.00
	Total Receipts: \$389.00	
Expenses:	N/A	
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Ending Balance:	(August 28, 2018)	\$1640.58

MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT		
Beginning Balance:	(May 22, 2018)	\$1735.77
Receipts:	N/A	
Expenses:	N/A	
Net Interest Earned:	May, June, July	\$0.04
Ending Balance:	(August 28, 2018)	\$1735.81

PAYPAL ACCOUNT		
Beginning Balance:	(May 22, 2018)	135.72
Receipts:	Donations (Randall Small)	\$20.00
	Total Receipts: \$20.00	
Expenses:	PayPal fees	-\$0.74
	Reimbursement (Bertz) - TN-IPC postage	-\$7.00
	Total Expenses: -\$7.74	
Ending Balance:	(August 28, 2018)	\$147.98

TOTAL ASSETS OF ALL ACCOUNTS	\$3524.37
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