

**TN-IPC Board Meeting  
Opryland Hotel  
Dec. 12, 2018**

**Attendance**

Bill Moll, Christine Bertz, Diane Warwick, Sam King, Margie Hunter, Mark Whited, Katy Kilbourne, Kitty McCracken

**Conference Call**

Belinda Ferro, Jimmy Groton, Kris Johnson

**Absent**

Dave Adams, Pat Parr, Chris Oswalt

Welcome two new members Sam King and Bill Moll. New members are reminded to submit a photo and bio for the Web site. Please note Mark Whited's preferred email address for TN-IPC correspondence – [md.whited@gmail.com](mailto:md.whited@gmail.com)

**Minutes**

August 28, 2018, minutes are approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

We received board dues and donations of \$627.76 and spent \$445.93 for brochure design, board gifts, and 2019 Nashville Lawn & Garden booth. Paypal account has \$94.82; monies from here covered the expense for two TN-IPC banners for Middle and East Tennessee. Current funds total \$3,653.09.

Board members at state or federal agencies might check to see if there are department funds available for donations to TN-IPC. Funds are tight at state agencies, TDOT and TDEC can't really donate money but could help pay for events or goods like brochure printing. Diane can get invasive money from TN Division of Forestry to print Homeowner's Guide. We need the new plant list printed as well, 1000 copies minimum for each.

We have a tax exempt letter from SE-EPPC, but we are not explicitly listed on it. Christine is working to get one from Tennessee.

**2018 TN-IPC Plant List Brochure**

Kitty provided photocopy versions and asked the board to review it for errors. Final document will be put on the Web site in addition to print copies as noted above.

**SE-EPPC and USFS 2017 Grant**

Kitty submitted a written report detailing use of the \$1,000 grant for invasive treatments of *Ficaria verna* at Ijams in Knoxville. They had up to 50 volunteers involved in the project. Diane, Belinda and Kitty are examining another small grant possibility from the Forest Service dedicated to addressing emerging threats. They drafted a proposal to get a student to survey vegetation aerially and on the ground for invasive species in burned areas in and around

Gatlinburg from the 2016 fire. Results could be coordinated with our post-fire brochure as a way to further reach and educate private landowners and make recommendations for control, of species found. This effort could become a template for other burned areas across the country.

### **Tool Bank**

What constitutes a base inventory for a decent tool bank? Jamie may have done research on this. State Parks maintains a trailer of trail-building tools for each grand division. Most parks should also have their own tools but not all. Parks engaged in this work could apply to TN-IPC for a mini grant for tools like Uprooters, partnering with Iris license plate funds. The grant could contain a stipulation encouraging parks to lend tools thus acquired to other community events. Maybe TN-IPC could partner with Wild Ones chapters and other organizations to purchase and use tools from the bank. One partner needs to have staff on hand and a suitable location to store tools. Christine will look into conservation grants for funding from auto manufacturers and maybe federal money. We should research the possibility of making these tools available for use on private property, particularly those adjacent to critical public lands. Mark will research small trailers to store and move tools. Sponsors could put their logos on the side. We must also establish a protocol for cleaning these tools. The capacity goal is for each tool bank to supply 20 volunteers. We'll need to determine which tools and the quantities. Sprayers and herbicides would not be included.

### **DOA Noxious Weed List Additions**

Anni Self recommended we wait until the first of the year after the new administration is in place. The board needs to review the suggested list and keep it simple to increase the chance of success. The list should be accompanied with the following information: State funds spent addressing these species to provide a practical argument for consideration, detail the damage to fragile natural areas, provide documentation of their spread, and determine the actual financial impact these species represent to the green industry.

Could species like *Miscanthus*, *Nandina*, and *Eunoymus alatus* be added without jeopardizing the whole list? Could certain species be used as negotiating tools to get others added to the state list? Another avenue is to approach state legislators individually to propose legislation as well as working with TDOA for regulatory action. We need to find a visceral personal connection with state authorities – hunting, history, etc.

Sam will begin to assemble various associated costs from state/federal entities (TDEC, Div Forestry, TDOT, TVA, and TWRA, state parks), local parks and rec [Katy - Nashville, Bill - Chattanooga], and supplement with costs gathered from non-profits (Owl's Hill, Ijams, etc.). We should also put a dollar figure on Weed Wrangles and the man hours represented.

### **Public Events in 2019**

Nashville Lawn & Garden Show is Feb. 28 – March 3; Katy can help on Thursday. We should have a booth at the Wild Ones seminar March 16 in Chattanooga. There is a Garden Expo April 13-14 in East Ridge; booth costs are unknown. Dogwood Arts Festival and Home and Garden shows in Knoxville are also possibilities. We can partner with TNPS, Wild Ones, and/or TNP in some of these events to share a space and associated costs. Margie will put Susan

Sweetser in touch with Kitty for East Tennessee events. We did have a booth at the October native plant conference in Memphis.

### **Homeowners Guide**

Diane and Margie will work on the document's layout to post on TN-IPC Web site and prepare for printing. Invasive funds from forestry may be available for printing.

### **Informational Videos**

Sam will check with the TDEC film crew about creating short videos on herbicide application, mechanical removal, safety, etc., that we can post online. ORNL might be able to do some, too. We could recreate good videos produced by chemical manufacturers to eliminate branding and implied endorsement.

On July 8, Tennessee Valley Wild Ones will have a program on managing large scale properties which will include the introduction of native species and treatment of invasive species.

Work is being done to produce genetic profiles on invasive species in order to confirm suspect identification.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Hunter  
Secretary



**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**December 12, 2018**

**TENNESSEE INVASIVE  
 PLANT COUNCIL**



<b>GENERAL OPERATING ACCOUNT</b>		
Beginning Balance:	(August 28, 2018)	<b>\$1640.58</b>
Receipts:		
	Board Dues	\$60.00
	Donations (Wild Ones, Golden Boys NC)	\$218.00
	Donations for departing Board gifts	\$130.00
	Transfer from PayPal – departing Board gifts	\$19.26
	Transfer from PayPal	\$0.50
	Donation for brochure redesign	\$200.00
	<b><i>Total Receipts:</i></b>	<b>\$627.76</b>
Expenses:		
	Nashville Lawn & Garden 1/3 booth (reimburse Hunter)	-\$96.67
	Departing Board gifts (reimburse Bertz)	-\$149.26
	Brochure redesign	-\$200.00
	<b><i>Total Expenses:</i></b>	<b>-\$445.93</b>
Ending Balance:	(December 12, 2018)	<b>\$1822.41</b>

<b>MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT</b>		
Beginning Balance:	(August 28, 2018)	<b>\$1735.81</b>
Receipts:	N/A	
Expenses:	N/A	
Net Interest Earned:	August - November	\$0.05
Ending Balance:	(December 12, 2018)	<b>\$1735.86</b>

<b>PAYPAL ACCOUNT</b>		
Beginning Balance:	(August 28, 2018)	<b>\$147.98</b>
Receipts:	Donations (Richard Hitt)	\$20.00
	Donations for departing Board gifts	\$20.00
	<b><i>Total Receipts:</i></b>	<b>\$40.00</b>
Expenses:	Paypal fees	-\$1.48
	TN-IPC Banners x 2 (reimburse Bertz)	-\$71.92
	Transfer to Checking (departing Board gifts)	-\$19.26
	Transfer to Checking	-\$0.50
	<b><i>Total Expenses:</i></b>	<b>-\$93.16</b>
Ending Balance:	(December 12, 2018)	<b>\$94.82</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS OF ALL ACCOUNTS</b>		<b>\$3653.09</b>

Note: Still need 2018 Board dues from Chris & 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).