

Maryland Invasive Species Council
Soldier's Delight Natural Environmental Area
October 10, 2001
Minutes

Attendees:

Carole Bordelon, USDA/ARS/USN
Dave Clement, UM HGIC
Don Cober, MD SHA
William F. Gimpel, Jr., MDA-PPWM
Anne Hairston-Strang, MD DNR FS
Lane Heimer, MDA-PPWM
Carol Holko, MDA-PPWM
Larry Hurley, Behnke Nurseries
Kerrie Kyde, USDA/ARS/MA-EPPC

Meredith Malone, MD/TNC
Frederick Mann, USDA/APHIS/PPQ
Betty Marose, UM-IPM
Bob Rabaglia MDA-FPM
Malcolm Sarna, MDA-TS
Laura Stedman, MD SHA
Bob Tichenor, MDA-FPM
Robert Trumbule, MDA-PPWM
Wayne Tyndall, MD DNR-WH

Call to order ~9:40

Additions to agenda
none

Approval of minutes of August 9, 2001 meeting

Motion to approve as submitted.

Discussion

- what was result of discussion regarding HGIC Invasive Species brochure? - no action taken.

Motion seconded and passed.

Presentation - Wayne Tyndall, MD DNR

Wildlife and Heritage / Biodiversity Conservation

Overview and history of serpentine ecosystems at Soldier's Delight Natural Environmental Area (SD NEA)

Invasive Species issues at SD NEA

- invasive species took over 3 years ago - accumulated non-serpentine organic soil from conifer invasion created environment favorable to invasives; 16 species from MISC list have been found.
- invasive species management competes with conservation efforts.
- ongoing restoration of 1000 acres through prescribed burning.
- need MISC brochure to educate residents of new housing developments near SD NEA.

Discussion

- air quality, smoke management concerns with prescribed burning - in winter cut down old, dead, broken trees that act as chimneys; local residents are supportive; 911 calls reporting burnings are a problem.
- Virginia pine is an example of native invasive that leads to non-native invasions.

New Memberships

Anne Hairston-Strang MD DNR FS - interested in forest buffer establishment, how to control invasives.

Meredith Malone, TNC, Land Steward - Weed Watchers program specialist in summer; filling in on MISC for Donnelle Keech.

Laura Stedman, MD SHA - works with Don Cober; vegetation management in right-of-ways where invasives move in.

Motion to accept all three of the above as MISC members.

Motion seconded and passed.

Update on Invasive Species brochure - Kerrie Kyde, Larry Hurley

- draft delivered to Behnkes graphics department Monday, 10/8.
- unformatted text passed out to today's attendees.
- will be in 9 pt. type.
- please review text and comment to Dick Bean via email by end of week.
<beanra@mda.state.md.us>
- need graphics - send to Larry Hurley, Behnke Nurseries, ASAP.
- review "bullet" descriptions of species on list; comment as above.

Discussion

- categorization of participating agencies - keep general to indicate breadth of representation; specific agencies will be listed on Web page.
- no red alert species in terrestrial plants.
- printing - probably need at least \$5000 to start; should primary potential users pay?
Larry will pursue bids and report back via list serve; first printing should be small so corrections can be made.

Update on Maryland Envirothon - Betty Marose, Bob Tichenor

Fifth issue: Invasive Species

- MISC has contributed material on gypsy moth, weeds (MD noxious weeds, tropical soda apple, *Microstegium*, multiflora rose), MISC description, representation, and list.
- need volunteers to help train teachers and students
- initial deadlines have passed but MISC can develop more material for state winner to prepare for national competition

Discussion

- tropical soda apple not on Maryland list - list is not inclusive, competition is international.

Committee Reports

Organizational - Carol Holko

- passed out summary of Organizational Committee (OC) activities to date.
- Motions to be considered and voted on at next meeting.
 1. One third of the membership is required for a quorum.
 2. Terms for facilitator/recording secretary will be renewable annually in April.
Either the facilitator or recording secretary may step down, or a member may nominate a replacement. The OC will be responsible for nominating a replacement in the former case. Alternates will be selected by acting facilitator/recording secretary.
 3. New attendees requesting voting privileges need to be present twice to be voted into membership and must be present for vote to proceed.
 4. If a member is inactive for one year, membership will be suspended.
- Alternate facilitator is currently Bill Gimpel. Alternate recording secretary is currently Larry Hurley.
- MISC has 41 voting members as of this meeting.

Education and Outreach - Bob Tichenor

Web page

- <mdinvasivesp.org> will be secured before next general MISC meeting.

- HGIC (Mary Kay Malinoski, Dave Clement) will hire web designer to set up page.
- HGIC will maintain site.
- suggestions for interim web page - invasive species links from HGIC Web page, description of MISC, the MISC list.
- send suggestions, comments to Bob Tichenor.

OLD BUSINESS

Plum Pox - Bill Gimpel

- no detections in Maryland in 2001.
- Pennsylvania - detected 15 miles W. of previous area; found in homeowners yards; destroying positive trees and buffer areas.

Daylily rust - Bob Trumbule

- isolated detections of daylily rust in Maryland; plants destroyed; pictures available.

Red imported fire ant - Bill Gimpel

- continuing to treat, but not 100% control in Bowie site.
- detected in 3 additional landscape holding yards in stock imported from quarantined areas in southern states.

NEW BUSINESS

American Seed Trade Association (ASTA) letter to MA-EPPC

- threatens legal action if crown vetch is included on MA-EPPC invasive species list.
- ASTA was invited to be on MA-EPPC board, but declined.
- MISC likely to be targeted when list is published because many regulatory agencies are involved; need to make point that this is not a regulatory list.
- Malcolm Sarna - is in contact with seed groups; species related to agricultural crops (orchard grass, timothy, etc.) are not on our list; doesn't anticipate a problem.

Next meeting

Wed. Dec. 5, 2001 - tentatively MDA Headquarters, 9:30-12:30, details to follow.

Adjourn ~12:15

Post-meeting tour of Soldier's Delight Natural Environmental Area.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Holko, Recording Secretary.