



Maryland Invasive Species Council
March 19, 2007
USDA BARC-W
Beltsville, MD

Call to Order: ~9:45 a.m., Bob Tichenor

Additions to the agenda

John Peter Thompson

Introductions

Carole Bergmann M-NCPPC

Eric Duce, SHA

Mike Farley, EQR

Robert Feldt, MDNR FS

Anne Hairston-Strang, MDNR

Ruth Hanessian, MAPI

Mike Hemming, Eastern Shore Nurseries

Carol Holko, MDA

Marc Imlay, Sierra Club, MAEPPC

Sylvan Kaufman, Adkins Arboretum

Jay Kilian, MD DNR

Kerrie Kyde, MD DNR

Chris Luckett, MDE

John Lyden, ARS

Jonathan McKnight, MD DNR

Jenny McKuen, MD DNR

Fredrika Moser, Maryland Sea Grant

Alice Neily Mutch, MD Master Gardeners

Julie Slacum, USFWS

John Peter Thompson, MNLA

Bob Tichenor, MDA

Bob Trumbule, MDA

*indicates new attendee

Membership

Vote to accept Alice Neily Mutch, Jay Killian as voting members.

Jay Kilian, Robert Feldt, Bob Trumbule needs to be added to the list serve

Approval of Minutes, January 2007 meeting

Motion to approve minutes as corrected. Motion seconded and approved.

Welcome from John Peter Thompson, newly-elected President of National Agricultural Research Alliance - Beltsville. Working through budget issues. ARS funding through Farm Bill.

Tour of facility after meeting.

Updates & Discussion Topics:

MDA – Carol Holko, Bob Trumbule, Bob Tichenor

- Emerald ash borer - eradication deadline approaching, urban reforestation bhtough
- Fuchsia rust – potentially infected plants sent to Maryland greenhouses; treatment options, recommended destruction if not isolated
- Fire ant – Tiki bar season starts soon; we are contacting establishments previously with positive tropical foliage plants and working with quarantined shipping states
- Sudden Oak Death
 - Interim Rule published, posted on USDA Website
 - higher risk mitigation measures for *Rhododendron*, *Camellia*, *Kalmia*, *Viburnum*, *Pieris* in process
 - Question about ambrosia beetle/fungus system on bay in coastal South – Marc will forward information to listserv, Carol will post TNC Pest Alert
- Gypsy Moth – 65K acres of priority lands, 75% Frederick County and west
 - Highest infestation in 10 years
 - Funding has been approved, last minute preparations

DNR – Kerrie Kyde

- Sec. Griffin may support invasive species matrix group within DNR to communicate, help develop agency policy

Update on MISC support letters (CEIPSC and UGA/Bugwood Center for Invasive Species and Ecosystem Health – Kerrie Kyde

- Bugwood letter has been completed, approved by listserv vote of the Council and will be sent this week
- CEIPSC – concerns regarding lobbying; CEIPSC doesn't receive funding from lobbying; Kerrie will draft statement reflecting support for CEIPC activities, excluding those problematic to MISC members (lobbying) and will send out to listserv

Invader of the Month – K. Kyde

- Finished through end of year
- April - Callery pear, Sara Tangren
- May - *Paulownia*, Rachel Cliche
- June - Chinese mitten crab, Mac
- July - Japanese hops, Phil Pannil
- August – Canada thistle rust, Dana Berner
 - Purpose of IOM? Mention MD Noxious Weed Law
- September – *Ailanthus* Phil Pannill
- October – *Miscanthus*, Kerrie Kyde
- November - virile or rusty crayfish, Jay Kilian
- December – Laurel wilt—*Xyloborus/Ophiostoma* complex; Faith Campbell

Coordination of a joint meeting with MISC and the mid-Atlantic Panel for Aquatic Nuisance Species - Frederika Moser, Julie Slacum

- Is there any specific interest?
 - Linkage and intra-state interagency cooperation
 - Leverage resources
 - NISC buy-in for promotion of local invasive species councils – introduce major funding sources to the councils
 - Coordination of mapping and tracking, early detection, rapid assessment/response
 - Review of how various councils function, weaknesses and strengths
 - Review of regulatory authority frameworks
 - Education/marketing, outreach
 - Assessment on quality of invasiveness

Review of ANSPTF mapping project – Fredrika Moser, Julie Slacum

NEWS AND NEW BUSINESS

Ruth Hanessian - recommends *The Lord God Bird* documentary on ivory-billed woodpecker

John Peter Thompson

- ISAC meeting in FL, another group in FL conflicts with Bugwood
- National green industry certification green program
- Developing workshop on cultivars – including industry, TNC
- NASA interested in what technologies needed for invasives work

Kerrie Kyde

- PLS map ready by next MISC meeting
- Wants to form committee to work with Randy Westbrooks, USGS to explore creating network of EDRR volunteers

- New technician to work on draft survey instrument for documenting invasive species efforts in state; wants to resurrect committee to meet late summer.

Sylvan Kaufman

- *Invasive Plants* published. Available in mid-April. Congratulations Sylvan! Will have book signing at arboretum June 7, 5 p.m. at Adkin's Arboretum.

Julie Slacum

- With Jonathan McKnight Chinese mitten crab task group – MARP gave funding to SERC for monitoring
- USFWS finished National Northern Snakehead Management Plan; focus on areas where not established; draft under review
- New draft EIS is in development on oyster management; VA is moving forward

Carol Holko

- Volunteer weed-pulling opportunities are posted on MISC Website

Next Meeting

May - Field trip to Blackwater Wildlife Refuge, J. McKnight will coordinate

July - Adkin's Arboretum, tentative Thursday, July 19

Adjourn ~12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Carol Holko, Recording Secretary