



MISC Minutes
7/15/2010
Maryland Extension
Clinton, MD

Caroline Ailanthus – DNR (Kerrie’s Intern)	Alice Imlay = MPS, Sierra Club, MAIPC
Deborah Barber – TNC (for Deb Laudau)	Marc Imlay – Sierra Club
Dick Bean – MDA	Sylvan Kaufman – CCLC
Carole Bergmann –MNCPPC	Wesley Knapp – DNR
Kelsey Branch - APHIS	Kerrie Kyde - DNR
Brian Clark – MD Extension	Al Tasker – APHIS
Tim Culbreth - DNR	Bob Tatman – MDA
Eric Duce Straughan Enviromental Service	John Peter Thompson - MNLA
Michael Ellis – Sierra Club (Marc’s intern)	Chrissy Tropea (Ruth’s intern)
Ruth Hanessian – MAPI	

9:30 Call to order by John Peter Thompson (sitting in for John Lydon)
Introductions

May Minutes approved

New members: Wes Knapp and Bob Tatman applied for membership, voting to be done at next meeting.
Facilitator will put this out to membership after this meeting

Felt-sole wader ban: Dick Bean: moved that MISC support DNR’s proposal to ban felt-sole waders in order to prevent Didymo spread; Sylvan 2nd: SHA will be supplying salt for brine mix for wader wash stations; MISC passed unanimously

IOTM: Tim Culbreth – Will send Carol an updated IOTM list (below)

Month	IOTM	Author
August	Trifoliolate orange	Marc Imlay
September	Cogon grass	Kerrie Kyde
October	Winter Moth	Bob Tatman
November	1000 canker	Faith Campbell/Carol Holko
December	Paper Mulberry	Mary Travaglini

Bud Reaves will do bamboo for December because White Nose Syndrome has already been done; Kelsey will send Carol 1000 Cankers fact sheet for assistance with her write-up
Discussed possibility of doing white-tailed deer as invasive species—philosophical piece about native/exotic

Other suggestions: oak bleeding due to slime flux fermenting sap
Winter moth, Gold spotted oak borer
Deer effects on invasive species; Kerrie may have outside author
Control efforts—site vs. species, prevention
Ethnic connection for bamboo harvesting

John Peter recommended that we change the IOTM order so that two ornamentals are not back to back

Marc: Has back-up information on *Mahonia bealei* wants to offer to people on web;
EDDMaps

MISC Brochure reprint: Sylvan: MISC brochure will be reprinted shortly, we need to update the species list; Sylvan sent out a questionnaire to MISC members requesting their suggestions for top 10 worst species and red alerts. Please respond by the end of the month: Sylvan.Kaufman@gmail.com. She is working on the reference list and text updates and URLs

ISLE of MISC Kerrie gave a brief report on the progress to date. No meeting was held in July.

Mid-Atlantic Panel on Aquatic Invasive Species representative

Kerrie: MISC has not been represented at MAPAIS since Bob Tichenor left MDA. Kerrie has been active on the panel. In order to be approved by ANSTF as a formal member, she needs a letter of recommendation from an existing Panel member (Fredrika Moser wrote one) and approval by MISC for her to represent the Council.

Al Tasker moved, Bean second. Unanimously approved.

Agency Updates

APHIS

Al Tasker:

ESA meeting in Pittsburgh; MA-EPPC meeting on August 19th on Biocontrol (since cancelled)

RAMBO system = Rapid Automated Molecular Barcode Observation system

10201 APHIS section —50 suggested projects, Al looking at BaraCode of life; DNA fingerprinting of grass species

Hogweed DC annual removal with Matt Travis and the APHIS WINS Interns. Blog from a DC teacher and Master Gardener trainee (Wendy Kiang-Spray) who was there with Sandy Farber-Bandier, the Extension agent from Univ DC who coordinates Master Gardener programs. <http://www.greenishthumb.net/search?q=hogweed>

APHIS participated in AG-Learn bringing kids to DC to meet reps of different agencies
Seminars: WSSA in February – about parasitic species (witch weed)

USDA Budget for 2011 will be bad; 5-15% cut in federal agencies expected

Bi-lateral agreement with Costa Rica on itch grass (*Rottboellia cochinchinensis*) CR pushing US to de-quarantine; Mexico doesn't control it on their freight trains, so the seed is carried across borders.

Oplismenus hirtellus ssp. *undulatifolius* - Al and Kerrie reported Sharon Talley's genetic and phenologic distinguishing of OHU and *O. hirtellus* ssp. *setarius* and variegated ornamental.

MDA

Dick Bean:

EAB update - showed updated map of 2010 EAB trap locations; new trap positives outside the eradication zone (EZ) to the SE, West and to NE, have not found additional positive trees outside of the EZ except for 2 in Waldorf near the PG Co. line; biocontrol with 2 larval parasitoids and an egg parasitoid - releasing those at multiple sites; workshop by Canadian scientists

demonstrating protocol to observe sentinel ground wasps, *Cerceris fumipennis*, for EAB detection - wasps are solitary but many nest in single area; PA counties just north of MD from Wash County west are positive; Pittsburgh infestation has exploded; Moscow – EAB taking out all of the ash, which were purchased from Michigan and Ontario, to replace Dutch elm disease infected elms The current US EAB quarantine map is available here:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/emerald_ash_b/downloads/multistateeab.pdf

Updates on EAB are available here:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/emerald_ash_b/index.shtml

On August 16-18, MDA is participating in a full scale Incident Command System exercise with APHIS PPQ on a possible South African rust. Facilitators from APHIS will write up report on success.

DNR

Kerrie: The DNR Do Not Plant list has been submitted to the Secretary for approval. Waiting to hear. Expect adoption in 2010.

MNCCPC

Marc – PG has hired him on half-time basis to all nature centers to catalog and prioritize EIP and to work with staff at those Nature Centers

Carole – Mont. County forest ecologist; all exotic plant stuff axed by budget; got some biocontrol weevils for Mile-a-minute released in Little Bennett Park; Randy Pheobus, a member of MNPS found a large patch of OHU in Hoyles Mill Conservation Park; Carole's spray budget is back in place, will get OHU at Hoyle's Mill.

Roundtable

Al: Sharon Talley's *Imperata cylindrica* 'Red Baron' project. Carol Holko got germinated seed from reverted Red Baron (supposed to be sterile). Carol feels justified in stopping importation of *Imperata cylindrica* into Maryland.

Maryland Extension:

Brian: Twilight tour to be on August 5 at AA Upper Marlboro Farm – display of Extension projects, including ice cream

Sierra Club:

Marc: VNPS is having a conference on invasive plants at the end of Sept at NCTC Little Paint Branch Park 250 volunteers to pull WLBG

MA-EPPC:

Carole: conference on biocontrol, with two field trip options one on Ailanthus control and one to Fort Indiantown Gap

Eric: Back at Straughan Environmental Services now full time from his long-term detail with SHA; doing primarily WL delineation, RTE studies

Bob Tatman: Filling Bob Tichenor's shoes at Forest Pest Management; Getting \$122,000 USFS grant for HWA suppression on public lands; DNR approved project plan - proactive to inoculate trees to protect them before HWA gets them, either by trunk injection (must be done if trees near water) or soil drench with imidacloprid. Lasts up to 5 years.

Sylvan: CCLC hosting two programs, conservation landscaping contest using 8 principles of CL, open to anyone; holding field days for industry in August and September

TNC : LIP-funded field crew started; focusing on checking preserve boundaries for 3 dozen species, expanded monitoring for suburban or cosmopolitan EI species, including insects; expands

Nassawango Preserve timber harvest 10,000 acres. Writing master plan including EIS presence and control pre harvest.

On-line database for invasives etc, crews can report in in real time

Ruth: offered as potential new pet species by woman in Frederick, thought it was a dwarf form of bagworms, and that it was a great pet for kids; she did not purchase the baby bagworms and emphasized to the lady that she should eliminate them rather than spreading or selling. Raises concern about public's demand for "new" and "interesting"; Glad that MISC focuses on plants

JPT: On August 27, will host 3rd symposium on certification of nursery ornamentals as possible pest vectors; focus on harmonizing state and local regs on national level and designing a voluntary audit-based certification.

KLK: Mike Hemming's concern about harmonizing landscape specs across counties and local jurisdictions. Do we as a group want to explore this issue? JPT testified to PG County to get them to remove EIP and ash from spec lists; used links to lists put out by MNPS, MISC, etc. Dick Bean was contacted by FL Landscape Architect to find a suggested plant list in MD Ash is the second most commonly planted landscape tree

Carole B: Should be formalized at the level where the landscapers come to the planners to get guidance of what to plant. JPT would like to follow this up if we can find any money to do it.

Sylvan: Will see if CCLC wants to look at this issue – fits in well with stormwater management guidelines/ordinances/regs. Need 3-5 year lead time for perennials.

Brian – may know where there is some "risk management" money
Calvert and Charles Counties have good lists on this issue

Marc – local paper had article yesterday about need to eat/kill deer as they are destroying forest

JPT adjourned meeting at 11:39 am

Minutes respectfully submitted
K.L. Kyde