

**Maryland Invasive Species Council – National Agricultural Library
Beltsville, MD 20705**

Thursday, November 20, 2014

MINUTES

Call to order 9:35 a.m.

Dick Bean, Facilitator

Introductions

Attendees:

Dick Bean, MDA PP&WM

Carole Bergmann, MNCPPC

David Clement U of MD

Mike Ellis – MNCPPC/PG Ranger

Anne Goodman, Rockville NSN

Ruth Hanessian – MD Assn. Pet Ind.

Marc Imlay, MNCPPC, Sierra Club

Alice Imlay, Sierra Club

Sylvan Kaufman, Ecologist/MD IPAC

Jay Killian, DNR

Kerrie Kyde, DNR

Carolyn Puckett, Carroll Co. Forestry Board

Karen Rane, U of MD

Earl "Bud" Reaves, Jr., AA Co.

Matt Salo, Cheverly Green Infr. Comm.

Mike Sowers -

Robert Tatman, MDA, FPM

Mark Taylor, MDA PP&WM

John Peter Thompson, NISC

Matt Travis, USDA, APHIS, PPQ

Robert Trumbule, MDA PP&WM

Jim Young, USDA APHIS, PPQ

Nicole Myers Carroll Co. Weed Warriors

Additions to agenda Kerrie Kyde asked that time be allowed to "vote" on a successor to Dick Bean for MISC facilitator.

Review and Approval of meeting minutes July and September 2014 meetings

All agreed that there needed to be more time to look these over. Dick was to send both sets of minutes to Kerrie. It was also discussed and agreed upon that draft minutes should only be sent to members who attended the meeting.

Also discussed was the need for a new Recording Secretary. It was suggested that Kevin Wilsey, SHA He might be a fit since he does a great job as R.S. for IPAC. Nomination of Mr. Wilsey deferred until the next MISC meeting.

Membership To be considered for membership, one must attend at least two meetings, not necessarily consecutively. Mark Taylor and Karen Rane met these requirements and were unanimously accepted as new members of MISC.

Successor to Dick Bean as Facilitator

Duties of facilitator reviewed

- Facilitate meetings (third Thursday every other month, beginning in January).
- Send out agenda via listserve.
- Help organize and announce meeting site. It was decided that the National Agricultural Library (NAL) will be the default meeting site and John Peter Thompson agreed to confirm that with staff at NAL.

Bob Trumbule, MDA, PP&WM was nominated as successor to Dick Bean, hesitantly accepted nomination, and was unanimously approved as next MISC facilitator by membership present at meeting.

Invader of the Month (ITOM) species, topics suggested-

- Earthworms: Kerrie Kyde
- Thousand Canker Disease: Dave Clement
- Porcelainberry: Sylvan Kaufman
- *Arum italicum*: Carolyn Puckett
- How to organize grass roots invasive species management efforts: Carole Bergmann, Matt Salo
- Boxwood blight update: Karen Rane, Dave Clement
- Ravenna grass: John Peter Thompson, Jil Swearingen
- White nose syndrome of bats: MNCPPC
- "Patrol our Borders": Marc Imlay

Agency Updates

- USDA: Jim Young-presented "New Pest Interceptions" (see handout/attached pdf)
- Matt Travis-mentioned that lots of hitchhikers are arriving through the winter on tile imported from overseas. Spotted lanternfly on cargo via rail from Canada. EAB noted attacking *Chionanthus*; Proposals and Review for Farm Bill now closed; US Govt. has continuing resolution through Dec 11th
 - DNR: Jay Kilian -- Zebra Mussel update. In Susquehanna; Peach Bottom first found 2010. Now below Conowingo 2014. Numbers of larval stage found increasing exponentially. Over 13K found in Susquehanna flats. Asian swamp eel, banned by DNR, found in Lake Needwood, July 2014
 - Kerrie Kyde-reported on Invasive Plant Advisory Committee (IPAC). Still working on the "Tier 1" and "Tier 2" Lists/evaluations. Sylvan Kaufman and J.P. Thompson MISC members also on IPAC. Sylvan K.- Looking for areas where rare or threatened species are being overrun by invasive species.
 - U of MD: Karen Rane, Dave Clement- Boxwood blight- Now four MD landscape finds. Also one in D.C. Karen believes that weather is the primary contributor to uptick in detections. Were perfect conditions this year for development of the disease. Reported first U.S. find of the disease on *Sarcococca*. Matt Travis- Working with APHIS and his counterparts in Canada at trying to stop the disease at the source. There may be an opportunity for states (i.e. MD) to apply for FRSMP(?) a federal program that helps prevent the introduction of pests/diseases through international trade.
 - MDA: Bob Tatman- Gypsy Moth; low numbers. No treatments planned. Saw lots of Spotted Lanternfly on recent trip to S.E. Pennsylvania. Dick Bean-Thousand Cankers Disease of Walnut; Quarantine proposed for parts of Cecil County, MD. Will include all *Juglans spp.* PA accepting walnut from MD only with certification of county of origin(not Cecil). Quarantine would eliminate need for certification of individual shipments. Bob Trumbule- Mile-a-minute weed biocontrol update; report of first find of *Viburnum* Leaf Beetle in MD; Garrett County.

News/New Business

- Anne Goodman, Rockville Native Species Network
- Ruth Hanessian, MD Assn. of Pet Industries: Reported on next Science Café (?)
- Sylvan Kaufman: Reported on upcoming webinar on Chesapeake Landscap.org. January 7; Tools For Invasive Plant Control
 - Anne Arundel Co.: Bud Reaves-EAB treatments started in Jug Bay. Treated State champion trees.
 - Kerrie Kyde, reported that the State Highway Administration (SHA) is currently having trouble with the Maryland Department of Environment (MDE). MDE is declaring roadside ditches as wetlands, especially along Route 50, so SHA cannot do necessary work there including weed management, mowing, etc. Asked if MISC would consider writing a

letter. It was decided that MISC would draft a letter(?). It was also suggested that the facilitator should invite someone from MDE to attend a MISC meeting. (Voted on? yes?)

- John Peter Thompson, Talked about conference call(?)
- Matt Salo, Cheverly: Three levels of invasives in Cheverly; Those he cannot deal with, those where they have had marginal success at management, and those where they have good success.
 - MNCPPC: Carole Bergmann- Now beginning in certain areas, after many years of battling invasive plant species, to plant native plants that are being grown at Pope Farm. Weed Warriors now have clocked 70K hours of work. Equivalent to 35years!
 - Nicole Myers, Weed Warrior, Piney Run Park
 - Carolyn Puckett, Carroll Co. Forest Conservation Board
 - Marc Imlay, Sierra Club, MAIPC Board: Reported on control of Japanese knotweed; 20% foliar coverage of systemic herbicide (?) on leaf undersides gives 100% control. Three species very problematic: Japanese stiltgrass, wavyleaf basketgrass, beefsteak plant. New research on biocontrol. Mike Ellis-asked that members look for wavyleaf basketgrass disease or insects
 - Mike Sowers, reported on "Barberry brigade" work at Catoclin Mountain park Impressive effort by youth groups.

Next Meeting: 3rd Thursday of January: January 13, 2015 at NAL. (Date changed afterwards to 4th Thursday, January 22, 2015 by facilitator due to timing conflict that may preclude attendance by MISC members who may be attending the Mid Atlantic Nursery Trade Show or USDA Interagency Forum on Invasive Species that day.)

Minutes Respectfully Submitted, Bob Trumbule

Meeting Concluded~12 Noon