

Maryland Invasive Species Council (MISC)
 Minutes January 21, 2016
 National Agricultural Library, Beltsville, Maryland.

Meeting was called to order by Robert Trumbule, Facilitator at 9:45 AM

Attendees

Dan Berlin, North Bay Adventure	Sylvan Kaufman, MD IPAC Jay Kilian, DNR
Vanessa Beauchamp, Towson University	Colleen Kenny, DNR, Forest Service
Joe Chambers, Pot. Chapter ASLA	Wesley Knapp, DNR
Eric Duce, Balt. Co. DEP & Sustainability	Kerrie Kyde, DNR-WHS-NHP
Michael Ellis, MNCPPC	Mark Lewandowski, DNR
Judy Fulton, UM Extension Master Gardener	Damien Ossi, MAIPC, DC Dept of Environment
Anne Goodman, RNSN	Jen Pecor, North Bay Adventure
Michael Greenberg, Straughan Environmental	Carolyn Puckett, Carroll Co. Cons. District
Anne Hairston-Strang, DNR, Forest Service	Earl "Bud" Reaves, AA Co.
Stephanie Hamson, Balt. City Forestry	Matt Salo, Cheverly Green Comm
Deborah Hayes, MDA, PPWM	Aaron Shurtleff, MDA PPWM
Alice Imlay, Sierra Club	Robert Tatman, MDA FPM
	Sara Tangren
Marc Imlay, MNCPPC	Mark Taylor, MDA, PPWM
Carol Jelich, MNPS	Robert Trumbule, MDA PPWM

Introductions of attendees

Facilitator Comments/Reminders:

- a. Members should respond to the email about attending meeting ASAP if you might make the meeting. This information is needed for the security check in at NAL and also helps when making finalized accommodations for the meeting.
- b. Agenda. Communications regarding agenda and details about upcoming meetings should be via email directly to the MISC facilitator, Bob Trumbule (Robert.trumbule@maryland.gov). This is necessary as the facilitator has the responsibility of putting together the agenda and making arrangements for the meeting. Communications/general postings made via the MISC list serve do not constitute direct communication with the facilitator.
- c. In general, items on the agenda that were not addressed during one meeting will be carried over to the next meeting. Items for which a request has been made to be included on the agenda, if there is insufficient time at a particular meeting or there is a need for further discussion, may be moved to a future meeting

Motion made to accept minutes of November 2015 meeting. Seconded and passed.

Membership

a. Attendees interested in membership must request membership at a meeting after attending a minimum of two meetings and then be voted in by members. Members must attend at least 1 meeting per year to remain a member.

b. The following attendees were voted in as members.

Joe Chambers, Potomac Chapter ASLA

Colleen Kenny, MD DNR, Forest Service

Vanessa Beauchamp, Towson University

There were also two or three other people in attendance whose memberships were reinstated. They had previously been MISC members, but their memberships had lapsed when they did not come to a meeting for more than a year.

Presentations

a. Invasive plant list(s) – Judy Fulton (UME)

Compiled master invasive plant list, combining and cross-referencing the lists from all the Mid-Atlantic Invasive Plant Council member states, except for New Jersey. The purpose of the spreadsheet is to provide summary listing information from multiple sources in a single document. It notes taxonomic confusion, synonymies and the authorities for listing in each state. It stemmed from the Baltimore County Master Gardeners desire to protect its annual plant sale from including invasive species. Judy explained the rationale of List --Comprehensive versus Shorter (and more manageable) and gave advantages and disadvantages of both.

List has been compiled but not evaluated. Judy is seeking source recommendations from MISC. There was discussion of verification of plants and lists.

For a shorter list, Wes Knapp expressed concern over the species that wouldn't be listed, believing that their absence would lead people to believe that such unlisted species are acceptable. Matt Salo asked whether the compiled list could be sorted by county so that it could be used for EDRR purposes, but county information was not available in the sources used. Some support was offered for the addition of a shorter list, the need to include information on human health risks of the listed species, and the desirability of distinguishing regulated species from simply advisory species. In particular, Kerrie Kyde suggested the heading of the compiled list include words to the effect that it was advisory except where noted for a particular species regulated by law. (For individual species in the body of the compiled list, the user can currently see if a species is covered in Maryland by noxious weed regulations and by Tier 1 and 2 regulations. The list also notes species covered by noxious weed laws in other states.)

Uses: (Other than use by UME HGIC and Master Gardeners). Both the long and short lists are critical to do a good job.

At this time the Facilitator noted that the entire group (MISC) needs to discuss this item more, perhaps as an agenda item or in a subcommittee. Facilitator then asked the members present to consider volunteering for a "list" committee and suggested that at the next meeting such a committee might be formed. Need to have representatives from all interested parties including those concerning health risks.

b. MISC Website Update – Michael Ellis, MNCPPC

Current website was designed in 2002 using HTML, software that is difficult to update and inflexible. He has been working on new design using the free software, WordPress

The new design will allow anyone to create an account (with webmaster approval).

Hosting of the website has charge, but generally minimal.

MISC is looking for a new host. Currently MDA is hosting, but funding for this will end soon.

It will be difficult to transfer all the old files from the current website to the new website. This has to be done page by page which is time consuming, so future host site should be considered carefully.

Group discussion: We need to determine who will review the information. Members should check to see if their organization would be willing to host our website. Michael Ellis, Kerrie Kyde, Stephanie Hamson and Bob Trumbule will talk to Carol Holko (MDA). Bob Trumbule to talk to Matt Travis (USDA) to see if there is any Federal funding available. Carol Jelich will check with Alliance for the Chesapeake about hosting; Kerrie Kyde will check with DNR. Joe Chambers suggested that ASLA might be willing to host the website, but the group considered that there was an inherent conflict in that arrangement.

Another question is how the group wants in the design of the website (A subcommittee was formed of Carol Jelich, Bud Reaves, Stephanie Hamson and Michael Ellis).

c. Next meeting March 17, 2016

Guest Speaker: Robert Floyd; Waterwheel *Aldrovanda vesiculosa*

Agenda Items:

Formation of Lists Subcommittee

MISC list

Website subcommittee: Status of website update

d. Invader of the Month (IOTM)

2016	Subject	Author	Animal	Plant	disease
January	Waterwheel	Wes Knapp		X	
February	Gypsy moth update	Bob Tatman	X		
March	Wisteria	Mike Ellis		X	
April	EAB Update	Kim Rice, Aaron Shurtleff	X		
May	Spotted lantern fly	Bob Tatman	X		
June	Clean your gear update	Jay Kilian			Other
July	Tetradium daniellii	Sylvan Kaufman		X	
August	Ailanthus & verticillium	Aaron Cook		X	
September	Ravenna grass	JPThompson		X	
October					
November					
December					

Kerrie Kyde discussed the current outline of the IOTMs for 2016. April through July IOTMs were completed the previous year by the listed authors, but were never posted due to our lack of a webmaster. Mike Ellis agreed to do Wisteria for March. Collen Kenny and Aaron Shurtleff agreed to work together to update the EAB piece. Kerrie will confirm August and September authors. We need

IOTMs for the end of the year. [Jonathan McKnight subsequently agreed to write an update on mute swans for November or December. Matt Salo is interested in doing a piece on genetic mixing of native and exotic species, also for late in the year.]

Someone noted that there will be a Snakehead fishing derby sponsored by???

Agency Updates:

- A.. MNPPC: Marc Imlay. National Invasive Species Council Meeting February 25.
- B.. DC Dept of Environment: Damien Ossi:
 - 1. Applying for Residential Canada Goose Permit for culling.
 - 2. Bioblitz in National Capital Region looking for taxonomists to help with identification.
- C. MD DNR
 - 1. Anne Hairston-Strang: Mentioned EAB issues (NEED TO GET MORE INFO).
 - 2. Kerrie Kyde: National Heritage Program has six chapters on line for comment. The Ohio Invasive Plant Council Meeting is a research based format.
 - 3. Mark Lewandowski: Pending legislation, HB 860, would make it illegal to launch watercraft with visible plant matter or aquatic animals attached DNR is compiling recommendations, with a legislative committee looking for funding for enforcement.
- D. Anne Arundel Co. Bud Reaves Jr.: Gearing up for EAB treatments.

- E. MDA
 - 1. Bob Tatman: Forest Pest Management.
 - a. Gypsy Moth Suppression: 1,000 acres proposed for Spring 2016.
 - b. Has submitted a bio-control request for EAB.
 - c. State and Private Forestry funding being reduced.
 - 2. Bob Trumbule: Plant Protection and Weed Management: Governor's proposed budget will eliminate Weed Management positions. This is proposed not final budget. An educational letter is being drafted.

- F. Baltimore County: Eric Duce: The County Council voted 7-0 to phase out the Stormwater Fee. The SW Fee was estimated to provide the County an additional \$16M per year for SW projects and stream restoration. Funding will now come from the General Fund. Since 2013, the Watershed Restoration Section has added 8 new employees for a total of 11 (5 engineers and 6 biologists). One Engineer was transferred to DPW as a part of the Stormwater Fee cuts.

- G. North Bay Adventure Facility: Dan Berlin: Teaches students about invasive species.
- H. Baltimore City: Stephanie Hamson:
 - 1. Invasive vegetation management plan.
 - 2. Deer management plan.

3. Forest management plan proposals.

I. Towson University, Vanessa Beauchamp: Has contact with Invasive Grass guest speaker.

J. MD IPAC, Sylvan Kaufman: IPAC regulations will be published on 22nd on website. Feedback is requested. Check the Maryland Register online.

K. Cheverly Green Infrastructure Comm: Matt Salo: Invasive plant removal activities.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO BROUGHT REFRESHMENTS!!!

Adjourn: 12:45