

TN-EPPC Board Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2012
Cumberland Mountain State Park, Crossville, TN

Attendance: Andrea Bishop, Mike Berkley, LinnAnn Welch, Kris Johnson, Pat Parr, Marie Tackett

Absent (proxy): Anni (Andrea), Margie (Marie), Belinda (Kris), Sara (Pat)

Guests: Alix Pfennigwerth, Chris Shaw, Justin Coffey (NPS), Mike Ryon, Kitty McCracken (ORNL)

Meeting called to order at 9:50 a.m. (** denotes action item)

Minutes: Approved minutes of June 8, 2012.

Treasurer's Report: The Oak Ridge Workshop netted \$18.49. The registration income was \$255.00 and expenses were \$236.51. Approved treasure's report.

Website updates: ** Pat will give Margie the information on the Eagle Scout boot brush project and a picture of the Scout to post on the website.

Eagle Scout Project at ORNL: The signs and boot brushes are ready to be installed. Kris suggested collecting seeds from the brushes to germinate. ** Pat will send information to Karen Brown for Wildland Weeds.

Oak Ridge Community Workshop: The Workshop on September 21 was a great success, with 50 attendees. (I have asked Pat for more information.)

Nashville's Warner Park Nature Center Exotics Workshop: LinnAnn is organizing the TNEPPC workshop that will be held on November 10. Mike, Anni, Lee Patrick and Paul Fowler are speakers. After the presentations, there will be a guided hike to the Hill Forest Designated State Natural Area, part of Warner Parks. 25 people have signed up so far. Mike brought up the issue of native cultivars and if it is appropriate to discuss them in his presentations. Pat said that cultivars are accepted at Oak Ridge. We all agreed that as long as they are native plants and the goal is to educate the average person about the use of natives, then it is acceptable. It may depend on the needs of the person; some people may want only strict natives and no cultivars.

TDEC EPSC Manual with TNEPPC's native seed mix contributions: The manual is completed and is online. TDEC included all of TNEPPC's recommendations for native seed mixes that are recommended for soil erosion and site stabilization. **Kris volunteered to read the manual for edits.

TN-EPPC Anniversary 2013: We agreed that we should have an event that will highlight the accomplishments. Everyone should be trying to gather past photos of the board members and other events. We hope to have the new T-shirts for the anniversary. **Alix presented her

wonderful design that everyone liked, and we suggested a few minor adjustments to the design. **Pat will follow up on the prices.

Cost Estimate's Fact Sheet and respondent thank-you notes: **Mike agreed to work on a fact sheet for the costs of exotic treatment. **Sara agreed to write the thank-you notes to the participants of the survey. **Marie will remind **Margie to put the cost estimate survey information on the website.

Nolichucky River Loosestrife survey: Kris discussed the results of last summer's survey. Most of the river has been surveyed and the rest will be done next year. There is not as much loosestrife below the dam; more plants are above the dam. All locations have been entered in EDDMapS. The next step is to look for funds for control, maybe through TIPS (talk to Anni) or TVA. The Knoxville Americorps and TVA are possibilities to help with control. TVA will need to approve the spraying. USCOE is using beetles as control in Middle and West TN. **Kris will ask **Margie about putting the report on the website.

TN-EPPC displays: Sara sent the check for the roll-up display. It is being shipped to Andrea and should be ready for the Nashville workshop. LinnAnn is taking the table top display to Nashville. LinnAnn researched a carrying case and will pass that information on to **Andrea to review.

Articles for Wildland Weeds and TN Conservationist: **LinnAnn will check with Louise Zepp about **Kris doing an article on the Nolichucky survey. Sara submitted the TNEPPC updates to Wildland Weeds for the next issue. These included the new officers, the two workshops, the cost estimate project, and loosestrife survey. **Belinda has an article to submit next year to Wildland Weeds.

Future of TIPS/CWMA committee: Marie gave the report for Anni. Marie is joining the TIPS committee. TIPS committee is requesting TNEPPC to review the draft Strategic Plan. ** Marie will do this.

SE-EPPC's Forest Service grant: Karen Wilson has been hired to complete the grant project. She developed a questionnaire that Marie has completed.

Skunk vine: *Paederia foetida* has been found in Warren County. We will not put it on the watch list yet.

Upcoming events for TN-EPPC presence: **Wilderness Week** in Townsend **Kris will attend and have handouts but no display. **Lawn and Garden Show** in Nashville: **Andrea will ask Margie if we have a booth. **Wildones Event** **Kris will be giving a presentation and **Andrea will send handouts.

Weed Society of America Annual Meeting: **Marie plans to attend the meeting in Baltimore, MD, February 4-7, 2013.

National Invasive Species Awareness Week March 3-8, 2012: **Marie and **Justin would like to organize an invasive treatment workshop on this date or on Earth Day to be held at either Big South Fork or Obed Wild and Scenic River.

Possible Board Members: We need additional representation from West TN. **All board members should be making inquiries for considerations to bring to the next meeting.

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 31, 2013, at the TWRA office in Cookeville.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Bishop

TREASURER'S REPORT – November 1, 2012

TENNESSEE EXOTIC PEST PLANT COUNCIL

GENERAL OPERATING ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance: (June 6, 2012)		\$3,826.95
Receipts:		
	Memberships	\$20.00
	TN Native Plant Society	\$500.00
	Donations	\$70.00
	Oak Ridge Workshop Registration	\$145.00
Expenses:		
	Oak Ridge Workshop Refreshments	\$213.37
	Stand-Up Poster Printing	\$525.00
Ending Balance: (November 1, 2012)		\$3,823.58

MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance: (June 6, 2012)		\$3,943.68
Net Interest Earned:		\$0.15
Ending Balance: (November 1, 2012)		\$3,943.83
TOTAL ASSETS OF GENERAL & MM ACCOUNTS		\$7,767.41

PAY PAL ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance: (June 6, 2012)		\$274.87
Receipts:		
	Oak Ridge Workshop Registration	\$110.00
	Donations	\$33.00
Expenses:		
	Eventbrite Fees (OR Workshop)	\$17.64
	PayPal Fees	\$7.65
Ending Balance: (November 1, 2012)		\$392.58
TOTAL ASSETS OF ALL ACCOUNTS		\$8,159.99