



THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EXOTIC PEST PLANT COUNCILS

NAEPPC BOARD MINUTES

Friday, May 22, 2009 - 11:00AM-12:30PM CST

Attendees:

- Harvey Cotton – AL-IPC
- Jennifer Windus – OIPC
- Bruce Hoagland – OK-IPC
- Joyce Bender – KY-EPPC
- Meghan Fellows – MAEPPC
- Kate Howe – MIPN – proxy for Mark Rants
- Bill Brookerson – PNW-EPPC
- Terri Hogan – TN-EPPC
- Damon Waitt – TIPC, Chair
- Marijka Haverhals – Northern Rockies
- Kelly Kearns – IPAW – proxy for Jerry Doll
- Brian Bowen – SE-EPPC/Treasurer – proxy for Chuck Barger
- Lisa Smith – Secretary
- Doug Johnson – Cal-IPC/Vice-Chair – proxy for Jason Giessow

1. Chair Report: Damon Waitt

- Approve the Minutes of February 20, 2009 –typo on Bill Brookerson's name and Meghan Fellow(s) name.

ACTION: Terri Hogan made a motion to approve the minutes. Bill B seconded. Vote U.

- Welcome Oklahoma IPC
- Update on NAC09 Meeting – NAEPPC sponsorship of an invasives track. 13 abstracts have been received. An individual from U of Idaho has offered to do a ½ session on invasive aquatics. Mandy Tu has offered to review abstracts on behalf of NAEPPC. Attendance: Lisa, Chuck B., someone from Alabama, Damon
- Update on National Invasive Species Council - Damon is on the Advisory Committee. They are working on a set of recommendations for invasive spp. being used as biofuels.
- Review Board Roster – Harvey Cotton, Dave Moorehead and Bruce Hoagland are new representatives.
- Face to Face Board meetings - Traditionally the NAEPPC board met 2 times, once at the NAA conference and once at NIWAW. Idea would be to



continue to meet at those venues, but arrange for a conference call for those unable to attend.

- Discussion about publishing board contacts online at www.naeppc.org - Keeping the roster current is challenging. Publishing on the website will help us to keep it current. No one was opposed to having their name and email address on the website.

2. Vice Chair Report: Doug Johnson

- Response from TNC received - MAEPPC sent a letter and received a response. TNEPPC sent one, as well, but did not receive a response.
- Update on NECIS - NAEPPC is now a member. A letter has been sent in support of the NECIS work. NECIS is focused currently on HR669 (Wildlife Screening Bill). Doug feels that there are 3 major issues that NAEPPC should be focusing on at a national level; 1.) funding for WMA's, 2.) Q37 screening for plant importations, 3.) ?
- Policy Brief for Q37 - Will be circling around for public comment. Doug submitted a brief explaining the importance to us and our member groups. See attached. NAEPPC should be prepared in July/August to respond to what APHIS puts out in the national register, as well as other initiatives around this issue. Bill B., how are we interacting with National Plant Board or Regional Plant Boards? We should be coordinating with them on this issue as they are a critical partner. Doug will discuss further with Bill.

3. Secretary Report: Lisa Smith

- Amendments to Bylaws
- *Action Item: Approval of Amended Bylaws*

There were 2-3 revisions that are going to need work. The EC will work on these and then present those to the board via email for an electronic vote. See bylaw document for proposed revisions.

4. Treasurer Report: Brian Bowen

- NAEPPC financial status
- Recommendation for Bank Account

Updates and Other Business

- Announcements (Conferences Symposia, Workshops, etc.) - Send to Chuck Barger, webmaster for NAEPPC, to post on NAEPPC website. Also consider using the NAEPPC board listserv.
- Update on Website and NAEPPC board listserv – Chuck Barger was absent from the meeting.



- Tennessee EDRR group (Terri Hogan) - July workshop on cogongrass was successful. A steering committee has been formed and an MOU developed. Membership is comprehensive including heavy hitters like Dept. of Agriculture.
- Update on Oklahoma IPC (Bruce Hoagland) - Decision to go with OK-IPC to avoid OIPC (already taken by Ohio)

Next Meeting September 15, 2009 (9AM-NOON) at NAC09.

Minute submitted by Lisa Smith