

**SE-EPPC BOARD MEETING – Athens, GA
November 12, 2014 – 10:30AM**

MINUTES APPROVED AT THE SE-EPPC BOARD MEETING CONFERENCE CALL February 5, 2015

ATTENDANCE:

Brian Arnold, SE-EPPC President
Stephen Enloe, SE-EPPC President-elect
Nancy Loewenstein, NA-IPC Liaison
Karen Brown, Secretary
Dan Hill, SC-EPPC
Jacob Hodnett, AL-IPC
Jody Thompson, KY-EPPC (called in)

Rob Emens, NC-IPC
Sherry Williams, FLEPPC (called in)
Anna Greis, USFS Liaison
Jessica Spencer, USACOE Liaison
Jennifer Dunlap, GA member
Chip Bates, GA Forestry Commission
TN-EPPC NOT REPRESENTED

Stephen and Dan motioned and seconded to approve the September 2014 minutes. Unanimous approval.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lee Patrick could not attend due to family illness. No treasurer's report given.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes on website are up-to-date. SE-EPPC business emails are included.

EDITOR'S REPORT: Wildland Weeds magazine officially going to PDF format. Next issue hopefully will go out soon. Karen now has two editorial committee members from Florida so that should help.

PROGRAM:

Brian reported – Keynotes: Doug Tallamy, speaking twice with students invited to second talk at a discounted rate of \$10; Nancy Loewenstein, and David Moorhead. Approximately 60 registered attendees. Field trips were reviewed. Registration was \$165; students \$130. various listserv's were utilized as well as other organizations, direct contacts, UGA Red and Black newspaper, Warnell School of Forestry. Agenda finalized late in the game so not a lot of advertising of CEUs was possible. Florida Pesticide Certification for Aquatics, Forestry, Right-of-Way Categories: 5.0, Limited Wildlife Trapper: 1.0. Georgia Pesticide Certification for Aquatics, Forestry, Ornamental and Turf, Right of Way: 5.0. South Carolina Pesticide Certification for Ornamental and Turf: up to 5.0 (depending upon classes attended). Society of American Foresters, Continuing Forestry Education Units for Cat. 1 CF: 11.5. ISA Certified Arborist: 10.5, Municipal Specialist: 8.5, BCMA Science: 2.25, BCMA Management: 5.25, BCMA Practice: 2.0. Alabama reps were not contacted and Nancy and Stephen said they could have accomplished that quickly and easily.

Anna said USFS money spent can be reimbursed by submitting an invoice but receipts are not needed. A final report is required once the entire \$5,000 has been spent. A proposal was provided by Lee. Brian has a copy. An additional \$2,500 is available for the 2015 SE-NC-IPC Conference. One final report is needed for the \$5000 payment. Report can be divided to describe each meeting and the \$2500 spent at each meeting.

Discussion as to whether or not poster cash awards would be awarded lead to checking the previous two years of symposia where cash awards were given at \$150, \$100, and \$50 for 1st thru 3rd places. No one at the board meeting knew if this was advertised or not but a student who rode up with Karen knew about the poster cash awards so it must have been. Rob Emens motioned to continue the poster prizes; Karen seconded. Awards will continue to be \$150, \$100, \$50. GA-EPPC will pay for the prizes and SE-EPPC will reimburse them since Lee is not here with the SE-EPPC checkbook.

Posters are not listed in the program and Stephen Enloe indicated they should be listed in the future. Karen suggested a checklist of items that should take place or be planned at all annual SE-EPPC conferences to make them consistent. She also suggested that there be more involvement with the SE-EPPC board during the planning process to ensure these items are taken care of.

Malcolm Hodges and Mincy Moffitt were selected by the GA board to judge posters, with weigh-in from the GA board. In the past, all states have had a representative on the judging team to avoid bias so this should be on the checklist for future conferences.

Two vendors are participating: Crop Production Services (CPS) - Timberland Division (Cary Martin) and DOW AgroSciences (Jacob Hodnett). Vendor table and registration charge was \$350.

2015 Conference Update – Rob Emens reported that Raleigh and Chapel Hill are potential sites being considered. He was advised to check other meetings taking place to avoid date conflicts, specifically the University of Florida's Aquatic Weed Short Course which incoming president Stephen Enloe will be heavily involved in.

NA-EPPC voted to change their name to NAIPC from NA-EPPC and are developing new logos. They used to meet annually with NAA but Midwest Invasive Plant Network had 700+ attendees so NAIPC may seek a partnership for an annual meeting with that group instead. January 6 is the next NAIPC conference call so all states should be represented. Website address for NAIPC will stay the same as NAIPC was already taken.

Brian asked Sherry Morris, Executive Director of the Georgia Green industry Association (CGIA), if she would help us find a liaison from the green industry. She will let us know.

TNC liaison - Kris Serbesoff-King or Cheryl Millett were recommended to Brian but Karen and Sherry said that both of them were already overbooked and turning down other commitments. Brian said he will ask Malcolm Hodges.*

Jessica Spencer - ACOE Liaison - no report.

Anna Greis - USFS Liaison - We will need to submit a report and an invoice before we can request the full \$5000 payment. We do not need to submit receipts - fixed cost grant. We can request a partial payment without a report but a final report is required before the entire amount is released.

USFWS liaison - Christen Mason was unable to phone in and no longer works for USFWS. Karen will ask her if she can recommend a replacement but since it's a federal agency, it doesn't have to be Florida. Dan Hill will ask Lyne Askins who is a botanist at Carolina Sandhills NWR.**

Old Business: Arkansas becoming a chapter is on hold; perhaps early next year. Two people from Arkansas attended the conference.

Stephen asked Rob Emens if some sort of memorial would be suitable for Rick Iverson's untimely death. Rob said they'd had a wake for him with his colleagues and family in attendance but he would think about it. Karen said he could write an obituary in Wildland Weeds magazine; this has been done in the past. Rob said they had renamed their Excellence in Action award the Iverson Excellence in Action award.

Karen, Rob moved and seconded a motion to adjourn. Adjourned at noon.

See Addenda below.

*Addendum I

From: Brian Arnold jb.arnold11@gmail.com

Sent: Friday, November 21, 2014 8:53 AM

To: Anna Greis; Christen Mason; Chuck Bargeron; Enloe, Stephen SE-EPPC President; Jack Ranney; Jacob Hodnett; Jessica Spencer; Jody Thompson, President KY-EPPC; Karan Rawlins; Brown, Karen P; Lauren Pile; Lee Patrick - Treasurer; Loewenstein, Nancy; Nancy Dagley; Rob Emens; Williams, Sherry; Cc: Malcolm Hodges

Subject: TNC Liaison for SE-EPPC Board

Board, at our board meeting last week, it was agreed that I'd ask Malcolm Hodges if he'd be willing to serve as TNC liaison. He's quite familiar with our mission, as he has served on the GA-EPPC board for several years. I'm happy to say that Malcolm has agreed to serve, and I've copied him in this email so that you may record his email address.

**Addendum II:

From: Daniel Hill [<mailto:dhill@coker.edu>]

Sent: Monday, November 24, 2014 11:50 AM

To: Brown, Karen P

Lyne Askins is my contact with USFWS and she said she would be happy to serve as a liaison. She is the Refuge Manager at the Carolina Sandhills NWR. http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Carolina_Sandhills/

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