

Minutes from SC-EPPC meeting held on June, 9th, 2010 at the Congaree National Park

John Brubaker initiated the meeting at 10 am. He also read the minutes from the previous meeting on 2-3-10. Colette DeGarady read the Treasurer's Report.

John introduced Dr. Jim Miller. Jim gave a presentation that showed and described the new revised edition of his book *Nonnative Invasive Plants of Southern Forests, a Field Guide for Identification and Control*. The book will be published very soon. There will be 2 volumes, one for Identification and one for Control.

Timothy Davis of Clemson Department of Plant Industry gave an update and presentation about Cogongrass surveys, site monitoring and treatments, and the current distribution in SC. There was some discussion of how this will be handled in 2011 and the possibility of funding for surveys.

Newt Hardee gave a Kudzu Task Force report. They have been able to eradicate Kudzu in more areas using new equipment, techniques, and with volunteers.

Sudie Daves Thomas gave a list committee report. The list will need to be reviewed again since the last review was in 2007. The list brochures are in high demand and our supply is low. Sudie will work with Jeanne Campbell at Clemson to get the brochures re-printed with some minor edits (Clemson will pay for this). Sudie plans to get reviewers together in the fall of 2010 to work on the list. **The List/EDRR Committee and members need to finish the EDRR factsheets and training materials. If anyone wishes to help, please contact her.** She has been writing articles about EDRR species for the SC Nurseryman's Association newsletter for Helen Legare to print. Helen has agreed to print the entire SC-EPPC list in the next issue.

Randy Westbrook added to the list committee report by giving a presentation about invasive species and EDRR. He presented his factsheet on Crested Floating Heart and warned everyone to watch out for it. He also presented his concerns about Sawtooth Oak as an exotic invasive species being planted for wildlife food. He presented a new factsheet for Sawtooth Oak. He asked the group and Jim Miller about the best way to present this to the attendees of the meeting to take place the following day (Non-native Invaders of SC – TWS and Southern Association of Foresters). Randy's point was that this is a species we can do something about before it becomes invasive and causes harm to natural communities. **Pat Layton suggested that Randy and Sudie write an article about Sawtooth Oak that she would have printed in Forest Landowner Magazine. Randy also said we need to have another EDRR workshop and suggested it be held at Santee State Park where we could train volunteers and do boat**

surveys for Crested Floating Heart. Pat Layton suggested using webinars for EDRR training and having education credits available for those who participate.

Nicole Saladin gave the Education committee report. She summarized the meeting that took place at Camp St. Christopher Feb. 1-3, 2010, *Controlling Invasives & Promoting Natives through Collaborative Efforts in the Southeast* (jointly hosted by NERR and SC-EPPC). The meeting was a success and there was lots of interest and feedback. The results of the meeting survey put education and outreach as the top issue to address. Nicole said that NERR plans to hire an intern to work on outreach and education of the horticulture industry, namely nurseries. The intern would also provide nursery owners with native alternative information. NERR will plan to partner in SC-EPPC for this.

Bill Hulslander gave a report for the Privet Task Force. He presented the efforts put forth by NPS staff on controlling privet and many other exotic invasive plant species found within the Congaree Park boundaries. He mentioned Beefsteak plant (*Perilla frutescens*) as one the non-native species they are removing and that there is not much information available about it. They have interns conducting plant removal and chemical treatments during the summer. Also, they have advertised a new position with NPS; an invasive species specialist to lead the effort.

Robin Macke and reported for the Election Nominating Committee. John Brubaker stepped down as the President of SC-EPPC. Robin and Colette presented him with a gift certificate to the Low-country Native Plant Society Plant Sale as a parting gift.

New Members elected and members staying in place are:

President: Travis Rogers, DOW AgroSciences, twrogers@dow.com

Vice President: Charles Kemp, charles@marshfieldforest.com

Treasurer/Membership: Colette Degarady, Nature Conservancy cdegarady@tnc.org

Secretary: Jennifer Plunkett, NI-WB NERR. jen@belle.baruch.sc.edu

Members-at-Large:

- **David Bourgeois, Mead/Westvaco, dmb19@meadwestvaco.com**
- **Mike Hook, SC DNR, hookm@dnr.sc.gov**
- **Bill Hulslander, National Park Service, bill_hulslander@nps.gov**
- **Helen Legare Floyd, SC Nurseryman's Association (SCLNA), helenlegarefloyd@bellsouth.net**
- **Robin Mackie, USDAFS (nonvoting), rmackie@fs.fed.us**
- **Daniel McMillan, Crop Production and Timberland Services, daniel.mcmillan@cpsagu.com**

- Brett Moule, SC DNR, MouleB@dnr.sc.gov
- Laurie Reid, SC Forestry Commission, lreid@forestry.state.sc.us
- Sudie Daves Thomas, NRCS, sudie.thomas@sc.usda.gov
- Randy Westbrooks, USGS, rwestbrooks@usgs.gov
- Kari Whitley, Scout Horticultural Consulting, gardenscout@gmail.com
- Theresa Yednock, National Park Service, theresa_yednock@nps.gov

No old business

New Business:

We need new members. Randy suggested that we may be able to recruit new members by holding meetings in other parts of the state (maybe rotate to different regions for each meeting). Pay Layton said that people can participate in meetings through the Clemson Poly-com system from afar. These are available in Clemson Ext. Conference Rooms.

Brett Moule mentioned that we have talked before about incorporating membership fees into a workshop fee so that professionals can have the membership paid by their employer. He suggested having workshops following by SC-EPPC meetings. **Pay Layton moved that the Board name a Membership Chairperson and that that person should investigate using meeting registration to have membership fees included. Newt 2nd, all voted yes.**

Nicole said the NERR could host EDRR or other workshops for SC-EPPC and have the option available to join. Pat said that if the membership option is singled out the agency or employer will usually not pay. Nicole said a business meeting could be added to the end of a Workshop at NERR. John said there will need to be lots of time invested in this and that no one had the time needed to focus on the issue. **We need to identify a person to do this. Pat called the question (above), Newt 2nd, all voted yes. John said we will defer this appointment to the new president Travis Rogers.**

Sudie said we may need some new display boards to use for outreach and education at events. There have been some overlapping event dates recently. Having several boards with displays to use in different parts of the state and for multiple events would be useful. John agreed. John and others: Display boards cost several hundred dollars and we also need photos and text mounted. \$1,000 to \$1,200 for materials may be needed. **Pat made a motion that the education committee work up and bring back to the board a budget for new educational display materials that may include 2 display boards and multiple posters to print and mount and other items. Newt 2nd, all voted yes.**

Robin described the meeting to take place the next day in Columbia on June 10. Pat Layton and Mary Morrison organized the meeting and speakers along with The Wildlife Society and the Southern Association of Foresters. The meeting will cover Non-Native Invaders including plants, animals and Pathogens. Randy Westbrooks and Jim Miller are both speakers.

Herrick Brown on the subject of outreach mentioned the bumper sticker campaign used by the USC Herbarium. Maybe this is a model SC-EPPC could use and include in the outreach materials and costs. A bumper sticker with a simple message can get a lot of attention. It got them interviews with newspapers. **John B. said to add this to the Education Committee Budget for education materials. This needs to be communicated to Mary Morrison, the Chair of the Education Committee. We all need to think about slogans for a bumper sticker.**

Date for next meeting will be Dec. 8th with an alternate date of Dec. 15th. Pat moved to adjourn the meeting, Newt 2nd at 3:07 pm.

Bold= action items