

SC EPPC Conference Call

June 25, 2015

In attendance: Lauren P., David B., Dan H., Ben P., Carrie M., Bill, Herrick, Mary, and Bob P.

1. Annual conference on Tuesday, September 15th in Greenville

- We need a name for the meeting!!
 - o When landscape plants escape... bringing the community together to address impacts to our natural areas... ?
 - o “Ornamentals Gone Wild” (Ben)
 - o **“Fugitive Floras” (Bill) – selected as meeting topic!**
- We currently have two invited speakers: Patrick McMillan and Rick Huffman. The students from Clemson will also speak about their grant funded project
- Fig Buttercup update
- I will give an update from the Kiawah conservancy
- FoRR will do the tour in the afternoon
- City of Greenville – City horticulturalist (Cory Tanner)

2. Cogongrass workshop

- 44 people in attendance
- 20 went on the field trip despite the rain

3. Finance report (Ben?)

- Discrepancies with years (annual vs fiscal)
- Balance \$13,930.24

4. Invasive species award

- Special page on our website highlighting the awardees
- 1 or 2 people from the area the annual meeting is in
 - o Find someone a part of their organization or who knows their legacy well to give a brief 5 minute presentation on their contributions to invasive species and the community
- What qualities would you use to describe this award?
- Any people you can think of? (Nominations)
 - o Newt Hardee
 - o Bill Stringer
 - o Tom Tiller
 - o Frank Holleman
- Draft of criteria will be sent out to the board for approval

5. Brochure

- Printing costs 500 for \$2660 and 1000 for \$4560
- Dr. Greg Yarrow (department head for Forestry and Environmental Conservation) has worked to get us \$2500 from Extension and \$1000 from the Department to cover printing costs
 - o Total: \$3500
 - o Stipulation that 10 copies be sent to each county extension office (46 counties ~ 460 booklets)
- Would SC EPPC be willing to contribute \$1060 for the ability to print 1000 copies? This will give us 500 copies for meetings and workshops.
- PDF version will also be placed on our website and sent to extension agents as well as put on the extension website
- See cost 2000

6. SE EPPC and Wildland Weeds

- Annual meeting at NC Botanical Gardens
- Approximately 50 people attended
- We need to elect a board member to serve as the State's Wildland Weeds Editorial Committee
 - o Person would be responsible for providing one article per issue (such as our community grants program, workshops, etc). Does not need to write them, but find them.
 - o Need to give the name of our representative by August
- Working with Melanie Doyle (NC) to write a grant to pay an intern to do some invasive species coordination along the coast (specifically beach vitex)

Upcoming Events

New and Upcoming Farmers – Due July 12th

Farm Bill – Information/language that relates to invasive species (Bill - Farm Bureau)