

Maryland Invasive Species Council  
Maryland Department of Agriculture, Conference Room 110  
June 13, 2000

Minutes

Call to order ~9 a.m.

Bob Tichenor, moderating

Introductions

New attendees -	Wayne Tyndall	DNR Heritage Program
	Donelle Keech	Nature Conservancy
	Martin MacKenzie	US Forest Service
	Betty Marose	U Md, weed IPM
	Sandy Sardinelli	U Md, nematologist, IPM coordinator
	Don Cober	State Highway Administration (SHA)

Review of minutes of April 18 meeting  
minutes accepted

Reports of Working Groups

Organization:

Bill Gimpel introduced MISC mission statement for review; motion for acceptance was made and seconded; discussion regarding grammar and meaning resulting in motion being withdrawn pending reworking of mission statement by working group. Bill Gimpel comment that Organizational Working Group still much involved in discussion regarding how the council should be organized.

Education and Outreach:

Mary Kaye Malinoski offered services of CES to help develop web site/database; Bob Tichenor currently working with MDA to find a way to develop a website at MDA HQ, not necessarily accessible to general public and not associated with MDA website.

Research and Projects:

Kerri Kyde:

Research - set aside; looking for gaps in literature and areas of need

Rapid Response - necessary to provide risk assessment and to develop protocol for addressing invasive species across all taxa.

“List of lists” - all members of working groups had agreed to bring information based on their areas of expertise; further discussion and work will be conducted during working group break-out sessions

## New business

Bill Gimpel discussed the Behnke publication (newsletter) and distribution of information on fire ants

Further discussion of means of distribution of information regarding invasive species

Bob Trumbule questioned whether or not a review by MISC may be in order when distributing information on invasive species of concern to Maryland

Most agreed that if published under the auspices of MISC, it should be reviewed by Public Information and Education (Education and Outreach) working group

Information published privately or under the auspices of another organization would not be subject to review by MISC.

Betty Marose suggested that we provide a means of dissemination of information to more groups and individuals, including IPM scouts, etc.

Bill Gimpel suggested that we should develop a list of groups that would or should receive information from, that are not currently on our contact list.

Bill Gimpel gave review of Sharka disease (plum pox virus)

National survey - 31,000 samples processed to date; only positive samples from Adams County, PA, original area of detection

MDA survey - 4000 samples collected and processed; Dick Bean discussed sampling protocol

Q & A on specifics of Sharka

Bill Gimpel gave review of Pine Shoot Beetle Quarantine Status

Quarantined area has expanded this year to include Frederick County based on one positive site in Emmitsburg Area

On June 12 (yesterday), USDA proposed to rescind quarantine

Upcoming public meetings

MDA involvement will be the same for this year as in past - same type of survey and quarantine compliance.

Bill Gimpel also reported on the results of a survey from GAO that was instituted by a request from Congress and tested in Maryland

Survey of States regarding expenditures for invasive species initiatives

Bill Gimpel, Bob Tichenor, and Cy Lesser from MDA, and other officials from DNR contributed to survey

ball park estimate is that MDA alone is spending ~2 million dollars per year on invasive species.

Kerrie Kyde asked about a "beech scale complex" (beech bark disease)

Martin Mackenzie, well acquainted with the disease in West Virginia, discussed the complexities of the disease and associated organisms

Bob Rabaglia reported that Forest Pest Management has surveyed and not found it in Maryland, but it is within one mile of the Garrett County line and also occurs in Pennsylvania

Bill Gimpel spoke about the disease in New Hampshire.

Bill Gimpel gave quick reports on:

- Asian Longhorned Beetle (no new infestations found)
- mentioned DNR efforts against *Trapa natans* (water chestnut); 2<sup>nd</sup> cooperative effort at eradication with help from MDA

Break

Reconvene in working groups for ~ 1 hour

Reports from working groups

I. Organizational Working Group (Bill Gimpel, Malcolm Sarna, Larry Hurley, John Peter Thompson, Don Robbins, Carol Holko)

A. - suggested we keep MISC “informal” for now, i.e. no formal bylaws, non-profit status, etc.

- membership - those on original mailing list and associated colleagues
- Bob Tichenor put forth as “official” facilitator
- Carol Holko put forth as “official” recording secretary
- meetings and actions must be attended by 50% of membership to be official
- new members must be approved by 50% of membership

B. Reworked mission statement

Suggested alternative “MISC provides leadership concerning invasive species issues and encourages efforts which prevent the introduction of and manage the impact of invasive species on Maryland ecosystems.”

Modified original “MISC provides leadership and encourages efforts which prevent the introduction of, and manage the impact of invasive species on Maryland ecosystems.”

Motion made by Bob Tichenor to adopt the modified original; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Trumbule

Acceptance of mission statement put to vote of members present and accepted by majority; Kerri Kyde suggested changing “which” to “that; original mission statement voted on and accepted by members present, including Kerri’s suggestion, with proviso that it can be changed in the future.

II. Education and Outreach (Bob Tichenor, Mary Kay Malinowski, Dave Clement, Sandy Sardinelli, John Lydon, Betty Marose, Martin Mackenzie)

- A. Proposed additions to “core” membership and will forward list of these additions to entire group
- B. “Participation in MISC is self regulating” (membership another issue?)
- C. Gaps in the original contact list will be addressed
- D. Concern with how to post information on Web page - care must be taken as to how links are provided - links are a very powerful tool, but can be problematic because of “connection proliferation”
- E. Domain names? - mdspecies.org or a variation

III. Projects working group (Kerrie Kyde, Bob Rabaglia, Jennifer Kujawski, Donelle Keech, Carole Bordeon, Dick Bean, Wayne Tyndall, Bob Trumbule)

- A. Group had lengthy discussions about lists; announced that the working group will have a meeting prior to the next MISC general meeting
- B. Agreed that homework for group members prior to next meeting includes:
  - 1. Criteria/categories for species inclusion on invasive lists
  - 2. “Short” lists from each member of group based on their area of expertise
- C. Identified another effort for group:  
Come up with a “skeleton” of an inventory and monitoring system statewide that will help survey for, find and identify, and control/manage invasives in the state

Bob Tichenor interjected that MISC could be the organization that would promote the idea of a monitoring system, but most likely the project would be costly and MISC couldn't provide funding.

Final Business

Agreed to have the next meeting on October 10, 2000 at MDA Headquarters, Annapolis, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Adjourn ~12 noon

Respectfully submitted by:  
Carol Holko  
from notes taken by Bob Trumbule