



Maryland Invasive Species Council  
**January 24, 2008**  
Maryland Department of Agriculture  
Annapolis, MD

Call to Order: ~9:50 a.m., Carol Holko

Additions to the agenda

Introductions

Gary Barkman	John Lydon USDA ARS
Dick Bean, MDA	Jonathan McKnight, MD DNR
Eric Duce, SHA	Pete Rupp, MDA
Anne Hairston Strang, MD DNR	Jil Swearingen, NPS
Ruth Hanessian, MAPI	*Marek Topolsko, MD DNR
Lane Heimer, MDA	Bob Trumbule, MDA
Mike Hemming, Eastern Shore Nurseries	Sarah Widman MD DNR
Carol Holko, MDA	

\*indicates new attendee

Membership

Marek Topolski requests voting membership replacing Nancy Butowski. Dick Bean needs to be reinstated. Will be voted on at next meeting attended.

Approval of Minutes, September & November 2007 meetings

November – Should be approval of “September” minutes  
DNR PLS report also Trumbule – MDA rearing beetles.

*Motion to approve minutes as corrected. Motion seconded and approved.*

MISC Organization and Updated Assignments

- Much appreciation expresses for Bob Tichenor’s dedicated service.
  - Facilitator – John Lydon will be acting facilitator for now, pending ARS and MISC approval
  - Need MISC replacement for Bob on MARP
  - Need someone to sign MISC correspondence, e.g. Bugwood letter – TBD case by case if John can’t do it
- Recording Secretary – Carol would like replacement, will continue to do minutes until someone steps up
- Invader of the Month – Kerrie likely to continue
- Webmaster – Carol will maintain Website unless someone else wants to
- Brochure – Carol will distribute to the group; Jil will champion review and reprint
- Organizational & Procedures
  - Is 1/3 a realistic quorum? Yes, almost always have enough present to vote
  - Change terms for facilitator /recording secretary from April to March
  - Change reference to the “Organizational Committee (OC)”, now defunct, to “voting membership” to nominate replacement resigning Facilitator or Recording Secretary.

Updates & Discussion Topics:

MDA

- Emerald Ash Borer – Bean/Holko

- Arborists and loggers cleaning up missed trees, cutting in new bump-outs
- Will participate in national survey and continue to survey in EZ; Master Gardeners are helping to find ash trees to fill volunteer certification hours requirement
- First detector training for arborists
  - Cooperative venture with MAA and MCE
  - EAB and ALB will be first “module”
- Exotic Wood Boring Beetle, *Pityogenes chalcographus*, found in trap at Baltimore Importer near port
  - Pest of spruce and other conifers
  - First non-port detection in U.S.
  - Will intensify trapping in Baltimore City and Survey for trees with damage
- Weed Control - Heimer
  - Program affected by budget cuts at state and local governments
  - County committee meetings ongoing
- Mile-a-minute weevil - Trumbule
  - Next release in July
  - Will collect data after germination
- National Plant Board 2008 national meeting in Solomons, Maryland, August 10-14

DNR – McKnight, Widman, Hairston-Strang

- MARP
  - 2008 Call for Proposal handed out
  - 12K set aside for regional conference to bring together regional councils
- Feral swine reported from Charles Carroll, Allegany Counties
  - Once established big problem in wooded areas
  - Report pig sightings, shootings to DNR
- Nutria – moving teams into new areas following eradication success at Blackwater 2 ½ years ago
- Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)
  - Deer, moose, elk in CO
  - Positives in NY PA WV
  - MD DNR is monitoring in MD, on false positive in 2008
- Two bills in 2008 session (legislation also posted on <http://www.mdinvasivesp.org/legislation.html>)
  - HB226 – bait authority expanded  
<http://mlis.state.md.us/2008rs/billfile/HB0226.htm>
  - HB630 – expand authority to manage invasive nuisance species that have become established  
<http://mlis.state.md.us/2008rs/billfile/HB0630.htm>
- Invasive Species Matrix Team is developing police for not planting exotic invasive plants on state land or projects - would like agenda item at future MISC meeting
- Japanese hops project report is out in draft, Anne will distribute when final
- “Not Wanted” poster posted on DNR Website,  
[http://www.dnr.state.md.us/invasives/md\\_aquatic\\_outlaws\\_poster.pdf](http://www.dnr.state.md.us/invasives/md_aquatic_outlaws_poster.pdf) (caution, 4.3 MB)

APHIS – Holko (no USDA present)

- New MD State Plant Health Director, Matt Travis, formerly MDA Nursery Inspection and Plant Quarantine Supervisor, Carol will invite to MISC
- Draft National Invasive Species Mgt. Plan out for review

## NEWS AND NEW BUSINESS

### Eric Duce

- Now have GPS units, deploying teams to ID and eradicate phragmites and Canada thistle as part of mgt. plan
- Ruth Hanessian, MAPI
  - Feral cat controversy in TX, bridgekeeper feeding feral cats, birdwatcher shot cat stalking a piping plover; MISC should discuss feral cats
  - Winterthur Pets in America Exhibit

### Jil Swearingen

- Weeds Gone Wild Website – updated links

### Next Meeting

- TBD

Adjourn (acting facilitator/recording secretary has no idea, probably @ noon)

Respectfully submitted by: Carol Holko, Recording Secretary