

Maryland Invasive Species Council (MISC)

Minutes November 19, 2015

National Agricultural Library, Beltsville, Maryland.

Meeting was called to order by Robert Trumbule, facilitator at 9:35

Attendees:

Gary Barkman, Montgomery Co. Weed Control	Jay Kilian, DNR
Vanessa Beauchamp, Towson University	Steve Kirschnick, TBD
Carlos Blanco, USDA-APHIS-PPQ	Wesley Knapp, DNR
Joe Chambers, Pot. Chapter ASLA	Kerrie Kyde, DNR-WHS-NHP
Dave Clement, UMD Extension	Mary K. Malinoski, UMD Extension
Michael Ellis, MNCPPC	Damien Ossi, MAIPC DC Dept of Environment
Anne Goodman, RNSN	Carolyn Puckett, Carroll Co. Consr. District
Michael Greenberg, Straughan Environmental	Earl "Bud" Reaves, AA Co.
Anne Hairston-Strang, DNR, Forest Service	Kim Rice, MDA PPWM
Ruth Hanessian, MAPI	Aaron Shurtleff, MDA PPWM
Alice Imlay, Sierra Club	Robert Tatman, MDA FPM
Marc Imlay, MNCPPC	Mark Thurmond, USDA-APHIS-PPQ
Elena Keith, Health Identify	Matthew Travis, USDA-APHIS-PPQ
Mike Kenney, USDA-APHIS-PPQ	Robert Trumbule, MDA PPWM
Colleen Kenny, DNR, Forest Service	

1. Introductions of attendees.
2. Motion made to accept minutes of July 2015 meeting. Seconded and passed.
3. New membership requests:
 - Joe Chambers, Potomac Chapter ASLA
 - Colleen Kenny, MD DNR, Forest Service
 - Carlos Blanco, USDA-APHIS-PPQ
 - Mike Kenny, USDA-APHIS-PPQ
 - Elena Keith, Health Identify
 - Aaron Shurtleff, MDA, PPQM
 - Vanessa Beauchamp, Towson Univ.
 - Steve Kirschnick, TBD
4. Agenda Items
 - a. IPAC update - Kerrie Kyde, MD DNR
 - Completed eight plant assessments. 6 are included in regulations submitted to AELR.
 - Waiting on publication to MD register. Hoping for publication in early 2016.
 - Mike Kenney asked how industry feels about IPAC – Kerrie Kyde replied that MNLGA is represented on the committee

- Presently 8 species have been reviewed; 4 are Tier 1 and 4 are Tier 2.
- Legislation was passed in 2011 and work began in 2012.
- Tier 2 plants will require signage.
- The list is posted on MDA web site http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Pages/maryland_invasive_plants_prevention_and_control.aspx

b. MISC Website Report – Michael Ellis, MNCPPC

- 60 % of website content originates from 2004
- Invader of the Month (IOTM) needs updating
- Invasive Species of Concern List – still working on updating the list
- Brochure needs updating – 2 versions
- Introductory paragraph needs to be updated
- Does MISC want to update the brochure to include additional species?
 - Should additional species be added
- Website needs to add a link to more easily access the list
- Judy Fulton w/ Uof MD Extension, created a database, lists every jurisdiction that list species and describes how each list was developed; would it be possible to link to this database?
- If the list is developed by consensus –
 - Q. What is the procedure to do this?
 - A. Species are discussed at meeting and voted on
- Bob Trumbule suggested that the discussion should be moved to the next meeting, everyone should bring species of concern for the committee to discuss and possibly vote on so that they can be added to the list
- Listserv: limited number of people are on the listserv, Lane Heimer and Mary Kay Malinoski are the keepers of the committee list
- Some version problems with the website

c. September Field Trip – Overview

- Western MD @ Deep Creek Lake with Mark Lewandowski, 2 boats were used
- Fishery biologist discussed the lake and Hydrilla control
- No regrowth of Hydrilla in the lake in 2015
- Rocky Gap State Park – full of Hydrilla in lake
- Visited the Discovery Center and Forest Pest Management discussed the Hemlock work they are doing, treating trees

d. Waterwheel (*Aldrovandra vesiculosa*)

- Handout was passed out
- Wes Knapp suggested that we invite Robert Floyd to give a talk on waterwheel at a future meeting. Members agreed that it would be a valuable presentation.

5. Group Discussion

a. IOTM, Bud Reeves and Kerrie Kyde keep list of past and future IOTM.

- Still looking for updates
- December – PPQ update

- April – Wisteria
- Other possible include waterwheel (*Aldrovandra vesiculosa*), water soldier (*Stratiotes aloides*)

6. Agency Updates

a. USDA-APHIS- PPQ, Mark Thurmond and Matt Travis

- Beltsville has the only remaining fumigation chamber in PPQ
- PPQ will begin to charge for fumigation at the end of 2015
- Farm Bill review is over
- IPHIS survey supply ordering will close tomorrow
- CBP found Khapra Beetle suspects at Baltimore Port
- High Path avian Influenza (HPAI) – more likely to come in the spring
- Working on early detection training for US Coast Guard, USCG is generally the first to board any boats prior to arriving at port which allows for earlier detection of possible invasive species

b. MD DNR- Wes Knapp, Jay Kilian, Anne Hairston-Strang, Kerrie Kyde

- Wavyleaf basketgrass – moving eastward, first two reports from Eastern Shore occurred this year.
- Maryland Plant Atlas (marylandplantatlas.org), valuable resource.
- Asian Swamp Eels (prohibited state species) – found in Montgomery County in late 2014, eradicated and has not been seen at the site since; 61 were seized from 2 food markets in Montgomery County, importer was taken to court and issued a \$1,000 fine
- Draft of Aquatic Nuisance Species in Maryland will be released for agencies reviews, hoping this opens up money for some aquatic species control work
- Emerald Ash Borer – requested grant funding, will work primarily in state parks including Cunningham State Park, Patapsco Valley and Gunpowder State Park treating trees and possibly releasing biocontrol; meeting in January to discuss
- First certified organic nursery grower in MD, Steve Black owner of Raemelton Farm in Adamstown

c. MDA FPM – Bob Tatman

- Gypsy Moth – 12 spray blocks, approximately 600 acres all on the Eastern Shore.
- All surrounding states (NJ, PA, WV) have large acres for spraying, expect that MD will see a much larger problem in the upcoming years
- Report egg masses to Bob Tatman at: 410-841-5922, 410-841-5801 or Robert.tatman@maryland.gov

d. MAIPC DC Dept of Environment – Damien Ossi

- Working on regulations, the equivalent of state level regs, for endangered and invasive species, been in the works for nine years, hoping to have it passed soon

e. UMD Extension – Dave Clement and Mary Kay Malinoski

- NPDN meeting will be held in Crystal City, VA, March 8012, 2016
- Thistle spores released this fall
- Updating the MAEDN app

- f. MNPPC – Mark Imlay
 - Volunteer removal in January of honeysuckle
 - Working on biocontrol
 - John Peter Thompson working on white paper on biocontrol, hoping this will help to move federal permits for biological control agents along
- g. Carroll County Forest Conservancy District, Carolyn Puckett
 - First find of wavyleaf basketgrass in Carroll county, removed
 - Continuing to work in parks
- h. MD Assn of Pet Industries – Ruth Hanessian
 - New Rockville Science Center
 - Working on next Science Café, 1/17/2016 (might be an astronaut)
- i. Anne Goodman, Rockville Native Species Network
 - September removed invasives from the nature center, cooperative effort

Additional Discussion

1. Meeting location – usually at NAL but open to other sites
2. Vanessa Beachamp agreed to give a presentation on wavyleaf basketgrass at a future meeting

Next Meeting: January 21, 2106 @ NAL

Adjourn: 12:34