

MINUTES
Invasive Plants Association of Wisconsin
Board of Directors meeting
July 10, 2008
3:00- 5:00
DATCP

Board members: Doll, Walker, Brown, Boos, Hunt, Reinartz, Frank, Roark
Others attending: Kearns, Hammond

Administration

1. Approval of Agenda (additions: Herb Days, Farm Technology Days, Other conferences)
2. Approval of Minutes from May 14, 2008 Board Meeting
 - a. Boos submits motion to approve, second by Brown, motion approved
 - b. Review of action items:
 - i. Fundraising committee will apply for WE Energies grant- not completed
 - ii. Boos and Staffen will review membership spread sheet- action completed
 - iii. Boos and Walker will follow up with Nancy Denman about pending insurance questions- Boos gave Walker the insurance information for follow through
 - iv. Boos will purchase a display board- action not completed
 - v. Feider follow through with Tom R. regarding an alternative program to handle our conference calls- not present to report
 - vi. Doll has had conversation with Lee VanWychen, the Weed Sci. Societies director of science policy in Wash. DC regarding a possible visit of Brian Heindl, legislative aide of Senator Kohl. This visit is now very unlikely. Lee suggested arranging a visit of the district legislative representatives for environmental/agriculture issues of both senators and Representative Steve Kagen (office also in Green Bay). Discussed possibly inviting members of Invasives Species Council, County legislators (especially highway directors and weed commissioners. Perhaps best to keep the group small and focused on just a few issues this time. Doll will contact Vijai to see if a visit to sites with invasive plants is feasible in Sept. and then follow up with Lee.
 - vii. Walker will find out the details of the Triangle Park project- IPAW certainly has interest in assisting with the park, providing plants and maybe signage, with IPAW recognition. Hunt suggests we have a limit on the amount spent.
 - Action Item: Walker** will find out more information at the next board meeting about the limitations of the park.
 - Action Item: Walker, Boos, Doll, Kearns, Brown** will visit the site.

- viii. Staffen will send out scheduling survey for next board meeting-
action completed.
- 3. Approval of Treasurers Report, including grant status
 - a. G. Roark submits motion to approve, second by T. Hunt; motion approved. Reinartz asked if the numbers on the report should equal the balance, Boos states it is just the big ticket items reported. Our financial status continues to decline slowly.
 - b. Status of Invasive Mapping Hardware Grant: Approved but IPAW did not receive check yet, Brendon Panke will look into status.
- 4. Status of Board Commitment forms
 - a. Doll has received some, but needs more.

Old Business

- 5. Further thoughts on insurance
 - Action Item: Walker** will investigate further with Nancy Denman
- 6. Affiliated group linkage
 - a. Latest draft dated July 8, 2008 approved pending changes that may occur at any time. Maybe draft intent language for IPAW files to document the discussion on this issue. Motion to approve submitted by Hunt, second by Roark
 - Action Item: Doll?**- Write a template to send to interested parties laying out the scope of expectation
 - Action Item: Doll?**- Write a brief summary of our discussion on affiliated groups for future board members
- 7. Display board
 - Action Item: Boos**- purchase board
- 8. Membership status
 - a. Membership spreadsheet submitted by Hammond, Staffen, Kearns and Boos have provided input. The spreadsheet will be sent to all remaining board members one at a time for each to indicate which of the remaining inactive members he/she will contact.
 - Action Item: Boos/all**- complete the review of table and send to the board for the other members to identify who they will contact as well as add any other names to the list. Then send an email to the expired members, then a letter if the email route is not successful.
- 9. Joint conference with TPE
 - a. No report

New Business

- 10. Purchase of Pocket Naturalist Guide
 - a. Hunt suggested more may be better if we have room and money. Also suggested to add an IPAW sticker to it recognition.
 - b. Motion submitted to purchase 250 guides for \$500, knowing we can purchase more later- motion approved.
 - Action Item: ALL**- help figure out a way to pick them up from MIPN in Indianapolis

11. Committee Reports

- a. Plant Industry Relations Committee- Jeff Saatkamp of the WDATCP was invited for this meeting and will be again. PIR is involved in Economic Impact Statements, field trips, relations with Green Industry

□ **Action Item:** G. Roark and R. Utegaard will fill Saatkamp in on the history of the committee

- b. Government Relations Committee- IPAW needs to gear up for the NR40 rule to go to the **Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules (JCRAR)**. Also the League of Conservation Voters has deemed invasives as a priority; IPAW may be able to determine needs.

□ **Action Item: Boos/Kearns-** IPAW to send out notice of state-wide hearings on the proposed Invasive Rule-NR40

12. ISAM summary

- a. Invader Crusader Awards given to our very own Gene Roark and Jerry Doll, among others.
- b. Money is already obtained for next year ISAM which will focus on Recreational BMPs

13. Forestry, Recreations, Urban and Rights-of-way BMPs

- a. Forestry BMPs- almost ready to go to public listening sessions in August.

□ **Action Item: Staffen-** Write a letter in support of the BMPs, mentioning that are somewhat negotiated and IPAW hopes to have them revisited in the future.

- b. Recreation BMPs- Moving along nicely, gearing up to finalize and go to the public.
- c. Urban Forestry BMPs- scope of BMPs not yet determined and it does not currently focus on landowners. Rolf Utegaard representing IPAW.
- d. ROW BMPs- starting to develop the process in which to proceed, but an advisory committee has been formed.
- e. IPAW could potentially start a project by taking the BMPs and making them stand alone and more rigid for the users that may want them that way.

14. Other:

- a. United Way follow-up- Brown reports that there are dues of no less than \$250 to get in if accepted, then a percentage of the donations are taken out. Also, the volunteer hours (30 to 50 per year) are dependent upon the amount of donations. We will not be able to submit the request until 2010 at the earliest. We will need to include educational outreach in the application.

- b. Walker asked about having an exhibit at Herb Days, \$30 to register.

□ **Action Item: Walker** will send email to BOD with details for approval.

- c. Farm Technology Days- The Weed Doctors will have IPAW brochures and promote as best possible. DNR wildlife also will have an invasive exhibit.
- d. Wild Ones, October 18 – IPAW can get a free table and the vendor fee is \$10.
- e. Minn. Invasives Conference will be held in Duluth on Oct. 26-28. We hope to have IPAW representatives there; exhibits cost \$100.

- f. The North Cen. Weed Sci. Soc. and MIPN will meet jointly in Indianapolis on Dec. 9-11, 2008
- g. The National North Amer. Exotic Plant Pest Councils will meet in Tenn. On Oct. 14-17, 2008.

Our next board meeting will be in September; the date will be selected based on responses to the survey (done by Amy) of preferred dates and times.

Minutes composed by Tom Boos, Jerry Doll and Clarissa Hammond, July 24, 2008 & August 3, 2008