

Invasive Plants Association of Wisconsin [IPAW] - Board of Directors meeting
Tuesday, November 8th, 2005 / 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
The Nature Conservancy, 633 West Main Street, Madison, WI - in the Forest Room

Board Members

Present at TNC in Madison: Tom Boos, Amy Staffen

Joining via conference call: Tom Hunt, Mark Feider, Pat Goggin, Steve Strachota, Rolf Utegaard, John Exo, Jim Reinartz

Other Participants

Present at TNC in Madison: Kelly Kearns (WI-DNR), Hannah ? (TNC)

Joining via conference call: Katie Simonsen (IPAW PA)

President Goggin called the meeting to order.

1) Administrative

- a) Approve minutes of last regular meeting from September 13th, 2005
 - ◇ Motion to approve (Utegaard/ Hunt) – passed.
 - **Simonsen will send past minutes to post onto website.**
- b) Treasurer's report (Boos)
 - ◇ Motion to approve (Utegaard/ Hunt) – passed.

2) Old Business

- a) **Final economic impact statements** - crown vetch and brome– (Boos/Strachota)
 - i) Crown vetch and brome near final versions, but neither ready.
 - (1) Brome discussion:
 - **Staffen will contact grazing specialists (Laura Paine and Dan Undersander) to find alternative pasture and hay species under alternative crops for the brome.**
 - **Staffen will get list that includes \$/acre estimates burning/ mowing from contractors to Boos.**
 - (2) Crown vetch discussion: postponed.
 - ii) Full scope of uses for these EIS's
 - (1) Website information to create a discussion – create educational dialogue.
Information that these species are problematic and encourage people to change to other crops and give alternatives.
 - iii) Members will keep working on them, getting other professionals to add to the final versions. Before posting a version on website, it will go to the board for a vote.
- b) **Short-term interest-bearing account set up vs. funds set aside for conferences**
 - i) ◇ Motion to put \$8000 into an account (Utegaard/ Hunt) – approved. Boos and Staffen will be signatures.
 - ii) Using funds for the conferences calls:
 - (1) □ **Feider will send out information on using internet for free conference calls.**
 - iii) Ehuddle session trial run

- (1) **Goggin** and **Feider** will develop strategic planning questions for the ehuddle trial run.
- (2) **Board members** will work to get on ehuddle in the next month.

3) New Business

a) **2005 annual summary/accomplishment report/success stories for membership**

- i) Goggin requests board member send him any photos and/or stories from field days, meetings, etc.

Goggin will summarize request in an email.

- ii) Goggin will put together the power point presentation, but committee chairs will speak for a minute or two on their own committees.

Committee chairs will send a bulleted list of 2-5 items to Goggin on the things they would like to cover.

b) **Next newsletter date/potential articles discussion** - (Reinartz/Goggin)

- i) Article ideas:

- (1) Garlic mustard inventory by Jeremy

Kearns will contact Jeremy

Staffen will write a side bar on treatment.

- (2) Tribute to Jerry Doll

Exo will email **Undersander** and see if he has written something or would like to write it.

- (3) Summary of aquatic invasives in Northwoods - **Goggin**

- (4) Summary report IPAW in last year - **Goggin**

- (5) Northern weed group, coop weed mgt meeting (Dar Olsen)

- (6) Bill by Representative Meyer for invasive species funding – **Goggin**

- (7) Funding proposal initiatives – **Nancy Braker**

- (8) Reinforce conferences (**Staffen**); December conference (**Kearns**)

- (9) Book availability (**Boos**)

- (10) Summary of cash flow – updated finances

- (11) Mandy Biels new handbook

- (12) Summary of urban forest workshop (**Staffen**) – include URL

- (13) Invasive plants of the forest through weed grant – **Kearns** (if available in January)

- (14) Recipes

- (15) Small coupon for the book

- (16) Species specific articles –

Simonsen will send list of species yet to cover to members.

- ii) Jim Reinartz will serve as editor.

All members with submissions should give to Reinartz by December 2nd in MS-Word document format.

- (1) Reinartz will send to Susan (Slapnick) for layout.

- (2) Will copy to Boos to keep track of who has submitted.

iii) **Deadline for mailing is December 21st.**

- c) **IPAW joint conference with WWA in Feb. 2006 update** - (Conference Committee members)
 - i) Finalized brochure – both conferences promoted
 - (1) Will be mailed on the 10th.
 - (2) Around \$70 for postage, \$190 for 800 brochures (includes 100 extra)
 - Staffen will send .pdf via email to Utegaard to print and to all members to distribute.**
 - ii) Staffen looking for help on some sessions. Each species session has presentations, and discussion, include control, research, ID.
 - (1) Reinartz will help with glossy buckthorn session
 - Goggin will contact Wendy Stein from the Northwoods coop mgt workshop.**
 - iii) Lussier family heritage center serving as co-sponsor, reduced facility fee.
 - iv) Staffen looking for someone to serve as a social coordinator.
 - (1) Will help plan joint field trips Friday.

- d) **NCWSS/MIPN meeting in Milwaukee 2006** - joint venture w/ IPAW (Kearns)
 - i) Kearns looking for ideas of what people want to see.
 - (1) Concurrent sessions on Wed and Thurs morning
 - (2) Ideas for workshops
 - (a) Herbicide – application, safety
 - (b) Clean boats, clean water (3 hours),
 - (c) Timing of herbicide in conjunction with plant biology
 - (d) Gadgets and different machines
 - (e) Funding opportunities – funding/ cost sharing for land owners
 - (f) Other herbicides – cross over with agronomist knowledge

- e) **Report on UW-EX Perennial Cropping Systems Weed Scientist position** [Jerry Doll replacement] interviews/presentations & IPAW input (Exo/Kearns)
 - i) Will be 70% outreach and public education
 - ii) Looking for a person with emphasis in invasive species
 - iii) Currently working on negotiations with candidate who has done a similar position in New Mexico.

- f) **Governor's Council on Invasive Species update** (Reinartz)
 - i) Classification (regulatory) system into DNR rules – latest draft 4 categories prohibited, restricted, watched, non-restricted.
 - ii) Making ISAM month an annual event
 - (1) Discussing if IPAW will serve as applicant organization for funding the position of ISAM coordinator.

- g) **IPAW fundraising efforts update** - (Goggin)
 - i) Awarded WE energy grant for \$6000
 - ii) Alliant energy \$5000 resubmitted 2006 February
 - iii) Am trans company – grant submitted at end of November
 - iv) Fundraising committee to send letter out to businesses interested in IPAW

- (1) Each member will receive 3 –5 of business letters for to sign and send out to businesses with which they are familiar.
 - (2) Reminder to have funding committee stay in touch with new invasive plant network which is also doing that to avoid duplicating requests for involvement.
- h) **Wisconsin Coastal Management Program grant proposal** (Goggin/Kearns)
- i) Motion to approved grant (Boos/Rolf) – passed.
 - ii) It is to the DOA coastal management program through education program. Expanding early detection in coastal counties.
 - iii) Will need to decide on whether IPAW will hire directly or if they will contract out to the DNR.
 - iv) Members should contact Goggin for copy of grant.
- i) **IPAW communications/outreach archives** - display/booth materials, old newsletters, etc. (Utgaard)
- i) Explore the feasibility of a workshop for contractor control industry.
 - (1) The idea is to train the people with equipment but who need the specific education for this type of invasive species control niche.
 - Staffen will set up an outline and give to fundraising.**
 - ii) Brochures
 - Board members will email Boos with any edits of current brochure.**
 - Boos will make changes and order.** Noted change was “areas of interest” and the committees. Printing will be at 5000 or more, as decided by Boos.
- j) **Committee reports:** Conference planning; Education; Science; Green Industry relations; Government relations; Communication/web site subcommittee chair; Membership - (Chairpersons)
- k) **AIS funding - Assembly Bill 757** (Goggin)
- Goggin will send out a copy of the 5 million dollar funding bill for chemical and mechanical harvesting of aquatic invasive species.**
- l) **Herbicide and application equipment loan program for landowners from IPAW** - response to GLIFWC question (Goggin)
- i) Liability is a main concern, which is why Cooperative weed managements form.
 - ii) Equipment location is also a concern. Hard to have a centralized facility where people all over the state can find the equipment they need.
 - iii) It was noted that many county DNR foresters have equipment to loan out for free.
 - (1) Post this information somewhere on the IPAW website
 - (2) **Goggin will have newsletter article or listserv questions.**
- 4) Next meeting/adjourn
- a) Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 10th, 2-4 pm.
 - Exo will check phones**
 - Staffen will check on room at TNC Madison.**
 President Goggin adjourned.