

Invasive Plants Committee Minutes

Karen Staub's place – Parke county
Monday, June 6, 2011 – 5:00 p.m.

Raoul Moore, Chair

Keith Ruble, V. Chair

Bev Pestel, Secretary

Attendance: Raoul Moore, Bev Pestel, Jeremiah Lemmons, Keith Ruble, Karen Staub, Brian Gilmartin, Everett McMichael, Paul & Pat Hoopengarner

I. The meeting was called to order by Raoul at 5:00 pm

II. Minutes of the May 2, 2011 meeting were approved.

III. Old Business

- A. CWMA : the meeting time is a problem keeping some from being able to attend CWMA meetings, Raoul will bring it up. There is no new information on the hiring of a coordinator. They are putting together a “rapid response team” to respond to reports of invasives and document such when calls come in. They are still working on setting up county events, 9 (?) are done. Raoul is still working on the Montgomery County event scheduled for Sept. 17.
- B. Eradication Tools/Chemicals
1. We have the Element 4, Bev is storing it and we have it available in small units for landowners who may need a small amount – available for a donation to STRC&D of \$23/gal. Bev will put information on the website regarding the availability of Element 4.
 2. Dobbs Park: Bev is putting together a coalition with the assistance of Clarissa and Jane Morse. We hope to have work days every weekend in September and October with groups “adopting” a Saturday and/or a specific location at the park. STRC&D would make our tools available to any groups working.
- C. STRC&D Woods May 21 Work Day update
We had 5 people, Bev, Raoul, Ron & Lisa Ellis, and Paul Hoopengarner. Vine control on the north east side was continued and invasives were sprayed with RoundUp on both sides of the road starting at the entrance. For reporting purposes, we need to keep track of time and herbicide: **for the May workday, we had approximately 15 hours of work and used 12 gal of RoundUp. Estimate of April 2 is 15 hours of vine**

control and cutting of invasives, 1qt. Element 4 used. Estimate of April 30 workday is 30 hours of work, fence and sign erected, some vine and invasives cutting.

D. Signage for Invasive control: no new information

IV. New Business

A. New Invasive Sightings: nothing new

B. Update on new tools/techniques/general information

Bev suggested the superiority of Stihl over Husquvarna – she broke the shaft on her Huskie brush cutter but the older Stihl is still going strong. Keith reported that running chainsaws on the last bit of gas is hard on the engine, it runs too lean.

C. Upcoming Event

Raoul is working on a questionnaire to both raise the profile of the activities of the committee and find out what people want

D. Other

Karen reported on Maiden Grass an Pawlonia in North Carolina.
Spice bush may be being attacked by a disease – YEAH.

V. Next Meeting: Monday August 8 at 5:00

At the home of Ron & Lisa Ellis

Adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Minutes taken by Bev Pestel