
Invasive Plants Committee Minutes

Everett McMichael Farm, Brazil
Monday, September 12, 2011 – 5:00 p.m.

Raoul Moore, Chair

Keith Ruble, V. Chair

Bev Pestel, Secretary

Attendance: Ron Ellis, Jim Spence, Raoul Moore, Everett McMichael, Brian Gilmartin, Keith Ruble, Bev Pestel

I. The meeting was called to order by Raoul at 5:17

II. Minutes of the August 8, 2011 meeting were approved

III. Old Business:

A. CWMA

Montgomery County, Sept 17. STRCD is partnering with CWMA, NICHES, Pheasants Forever, Friends of Sugar Creek, Crawfordsville Park and Recreation on an Education/Field Day. Raoul is trying to use it as a fund raiser as well as field day.

B. Eradication Tools – Status Report

Raoul is rigging his brush cutter with a battery powered sprayer to cut and spray with one tool.

Reminder that Garlon with 1% Imazoper (Stalker) is efficient for spraying bush honeysuckle. No residual kill of trees is noted with this concentration, 3%, however is a problem

Raoul has “gabbers” for pulling small bush honeysuckle (and other non-root sprouting invasives). Everett tried it and it worked well.

Raoul is also experimenting with a hand scythe-on-a-stick for cutting Jap. Honeysuckle, report on that to come.

C. Signage for Invasive Control

A prototype 60MPH sign is ready, suggestions were made and Raoul will take that back to Chuck. No final decision on number needed, maybe 50, all will have STRC&D website included.

D. Feedback on Clay County Nature Days event

The Invasive/Forestry people (Raoul, Bev, Karen) were kept busy. Jim L. and Jan C. for Education Committee were back by the creek with little business. Need to ask organizers to provide map of information at pole barn to direct people back there.

E. STRC&:D Woods Activities Joint IPC/Forestry Work Day

Brian gave the Forestry Committee report because he had to leave early – see Forestry minutes for that report.

No report yet on whether the invasive cost-share has been received. *Since the meeting approval has been received and Raoul has started the work.* Invasives are more extensive than originally thought.

IV. New Business:

A. New sightings: Japanese Knotweed – and Glyphosate will not kill it....

B. Lemonade report on BH

...still not sure what this means...something about “If you’ve got lemons make lemonade...” and the argument that you get good wildlife fruit from bad plants

C. Dobbs Park Work Day

Maybe October 8, no confirmation from Bev, she has to contact her team.

D. Other

We received a cost-share invasive project at the Hunter property in Putnam County. Bev and Raoul got it started, Raoul got more spraying done. We will need to plan a day to do chainsaw work.

V. Next Meeting Plans: October 3, 2011 at Ron & Lisa Ellis’

VI. Adjourn 6:34

Minutes taken by Bev Pestel