



Board Meeting Minutes
04/28/15 10:00 AM
 Department of Agriculture
 Dover, DE

Attending: Kelly Valencik, Rick Mickowski, Kendall Sommers, Ashley Peebles, Marcia Fox, Edna Stetzar, Jimmy Kroon and Greg Gagliano

Meeting Commenced: 10:04 AM

Acceptance of Meeting Minutes – Accepted; Edna motioned; Rick seconded

Acceptance of Treasure’s Report - Accepted; Rick motioned; Edna seconded

Treasurer's Report				
	Previous Balance			\$9,116.79
		Expenses	Income	
No Activities		\$ -	\$ -	
		Balance		\$9,116.79
<i>Submitted by Marcia Fox</i>		4/28/2015		

Committee Reports

- Education/Outreach
 - Facebook, Kelly, We have 192 friends. Our rates have increased for posts seen. Kelly will send out an announcement to board members to remind them to like our FB page and to send material to post.
 - Ashley – USFS released hungry pest 50 pages Middle School curriculum that meets national standards. The booklet includes identification cards for priority pests. It can be found at – www.hungrypests.com
 - Ashley – Invasive Species will be the special subject of the 2016 Envirothon. DISC could help by providing a training on this special topic. Typically, workshops are held in November. By doing this workshop and working with the Envirothon we could complete the education workshop priority for DISC.
 - Ashley – The Science Olympiad (2016-2017) will be on invasive species. Teams sign up for multiple events. This is another opportunity for DISC education

training. Three evening trainings and workshops are required to train students at schools. DISC could tie this into a service project. Typically, workshops are held in early March – 1st and 3rd Saturdays in March. Trainings will be held in January/February. The education committee will need to meet to discuss DISC's involvement in both the Envirothon and Science Olympiad.

- National Invasive Species Awareness Week – Linda received all the articles and posted to the website. Kelly uploaded to Facebook.
 - Invasive Plant Removal Day – Ashley has a tree ID workshop that day at Prime Hook. She can add invasive trees into the talk to fulfill our requirement to MAIPC.
- Data Management/Research (Jimmy)
 - Banner up will be finished soon
 - Forest Pest Outreach Grant will start in July. Jimmy will have a new seasonal to help with invasive pest articles for our newsletter or website postings.

Annual Meeting Discussion

- Kelly provided some of the comments from the last annual meeting exit surveys. Our members would like to have future presentations on:
 - Freshwater aquatics – aquatic pesticide credits
 - Field implementation or land restoration
 - Sustainable landscaping BMPs
 - Keeping volunteers informed and engaged
- Potential presentations (suggested by Board Members) could include:
 - Chestnut tree restoration
 - Mirror lake WATAR
 - Doug Tallamy as keynote
 - Aquatic invasive species – John Ewart and his education/outreach efforts
 - Pond management – Mark Zimmerman
 - F&W program update – Edna
- Poster presentation – could offer a scholarship award program for best poster
 - Edna will provide guidelines for these
- Greg suggested having PA pesticide credits. Greg will find out how to obtain credits.
- Marcia suggested having a conference planning committee. Members to include: Ashley, Rick, Kelly, Jimmy, Marcia, Edna, Kendall
 - Future meetings will be held for committee 5/21 and 6/18.

Other DISC Outreach Opportunities:

- Banner Up at State Fair – potentially in Ag Building
- Day on the Farm, Mitchell Farm in Hockessin
- DNPS Symposium, 9/26
- Arts in the Estuary, 9/26
- Blackbird Festival, 10/17

Adjourn, 11:45 PM

DISC 2015-2016 Priorities				
Priority Item and Description	Tentative Completion Date	Progress	Point of Contacts	Completed (Yes or No)
Stop the Spread Workshop: Resurrect the workshop to include in State Park’s annual training or as a presentation at DRPS.	February 2016	None	Kendall, Marcia, Greg	No
Print banner up display	3 rd quarter 2015	Draft presented to Board; 90% complete	Jimmy	No
Envirothon	Training – November 2015, April 2016	Discussions with Education Committee	Rick & Ashley	No
Science Olympiad	TBD	Discussions with Education Committee	Ashley	No
Field Trip to NJ CAPS site	TBD	Further Discussion Needed	Jimmy	No
Website and Facebook Updates	Ongoing	Linda will help to update the website as needed	Jimmy & Linda	YES
Annual Meeting	October 2015 & October 2016	2015: Conference calls and emails	Conference Planning Committee	No