



**Attending:** Ashley Peebles, Rick Mickowski, Marcia Fox, Greg Gagliano, Jimmy Kroon, Jill (intern), Kelly Valencik, and Edna Stetzar

**Meeting Commenced:** 9:06 AM

**Acceptance of Meeting Minutes** – Accepted; Rick motioned; Greg seconded

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

Treasurer's Report				
	Previous Balance			\$9,116.79
		<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Income</b>	
Deposit			\$ 60.00	
Taxes - State of DE		\$ 25.00		
DeIDOT Sign Shop <i>for aquatic invasive signage</i>		\$ 791.75		
		<b>Balance</b>		<b>\$8,360.04</b>
<i>Submitted by Marcia Fox</i>		<i>7/22/2015</i>		

**Committee Reports**

- Education/Outreach
  - Rick – Invasive Species will be the special subject of the 2016 Envirothon. Invasive Training for Envirothon students will be held on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Rick passed out the 2016 Envirothon Learning Objectives. Marcia and Edna agreed to present information that day.
  - Ashley – The Science Olympiad (2016-2017) will be on invasive species. It’s very similar to Envirothon. We could use same resources developed for Envirothon for Science Olympiad. Ashley will provide more information at next board meeting.
- Data Management/Research (Jimmy)
  - Banner-up will be finished soon

- Did not move forward with the field trip to visit lantern fly sites. In future, we could work with Tom Z and EAB plan developed for emerald ash borer.
- Jimmy passed around an entomology children's book developed by a University of Delaware student. Plant Industries will be hiring her for their outreach. Kelly asked if we could invite her to annual meeting. Greg asked if we could contract her for DISC's outreach efforts. More discussion needed on this topic.

### **New Business**

- Edna asked if DISC could partner with the Mid-Atlantic Invasive Species Panel Meeting. The group discussed partnering or combining the annual meeting with this group. Consensus was to hold our own annual meeting and work with Edna to incorporate DISC where needed into Aquatic Invasive Meeting.
- 2016 DE Wetland Conference – February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, Chase Center, Wilmington. Kelly asked if DISC could help sponsor. Sponsorships range from \$100-\$2500. Greg asked about goals of DISC and benefits of sponsoring conference. The group decided to exhibit and sponsor at the fan level for \$250. Rick made motion to approve; Jimmy seconded; motion approved at fan level.
- Silver Lake Restoration Project Field trip – Marcia talked about combining DISC and DEAWRA field trip to tour the restoration sites; however, it was not advertised to DISC members, due to the small space and high interest in the field trip among DEAWRA members. In the future, DISC will explore holding this field trip with only our members.
- The board approved coffee and donut purchase for today's meeting. Marcia purchased and will be reimbursed. Greg made motion to approve; Rick seconded; motion approved.

### **Annual Meeting Discussion**

- Conference planning committee met in June and provided update.
- Kelly will be out on maternity leave soon and Kim Cole has offered to assist with the conference planning.
- Send "save the date" soon.
- Add student poster competition to website and Eventbrite links – Kelly will do.
- Kelly will add info to Eventbrite for poster and presenter abstracts
- Need to change bank info on Eventbrite website!
- Marcia will secure caterer.
- Marcia and Greg will work on CEU's for meeting. Greg will check into PA pesticide credits. Marcia will obtain pesticide, arborist, and nutrient management credits.
- Cathy is willing to help with the annual meeting (day of).
- Next conference planning committee meeting will be August 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM

**Adjourn, 10:17 AM**

<b>DISC 2015-2016 Priorities</b>				
<b>Priority Item and Description</b>	<b>Tentative Completion Date</b>	<b>Progress</b>	<b>Point of Contacts</b>	<b>Completed (Yes or No)</b>
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	By annual meeting	Draft presented to Board; 90% complete	Jimmy	No
Envirothon	Training – November 2015, April 2016	Discussions with Education Committee	Rick & Ashley	No
Science Olympiad	March 2015 and 2016	Discussions with Education Committee	Ashley	No
Spring Field Trip 2016	TBD	Further Discussion Needed	Marcia/Rick	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