



Board Meeting
10/23/2013 1:00 PM
 Delaware Agricultural Museum
 Dover, DE

Agenda

Attending: 2013 Annual Meeting Attendees

Acceptance of Meeting Minutes – Accepted; Roger motioned, Greg seconded

Acceptance of Treasurer’s Report – Accepted; Eric motioned, Cathy seconded

Treasurer's Report			
7/16/2013	Previous balance		\$ 6,044.42
	Expenses	Income	
Race			
Race for Our Rivers Expenses	1,626.25		
Race for Our Rivers Income		2,645.00	
Race Profit			1,018.75
Annual Meeting			
AG Museum Deposit & Rental	475.00		
Registrations		2,255.82	
Membership Dues		50.00	
Annual Meeting Profit			1,830.82
	Ending Balance		\$ 8,893.99
<i>Submitted by Marcia Fox</i>			
updated 10/21/2013			

Committee Reports

Outreach & Education Committee

- Facebook: 182 Likes
- Newsletter: Kelly is back from maternity leave and has taken back the Newsletter. She thanked Kesha for sending out monthly newsletters while she

was on leave. Kelly asked anyone to send invasive information, news, grants, etc to her for inclusion in newsletter.

- Website: Website has been updated with Annual Meeting information and Race information. Annual Meeting presentations will be made available.
- Teacher Workshop: DISC canceled the teacher workshop in August due to low attendance. The education committee will work on increasing attendance for next year.

Data Management Committee

- Jimmy provided an update on the Forest Pest Outreach Program. Sue Walls was hired as outreach coordinator and has been actively participating in festivals and conferences like the Arborist Workshop, DNLA, and promoting the Do Not Move Firewood Campaign. She's also submitted articles for the DISC newsletter.

New Business

- 5K Race for Our Rivers: Marcia provided an update on the Race for Our Rivers 5K event held October 19th at the Blackbird Creek Reserve. The 5K was held in conjunction with the annual Blackbird Reserve Fall Festival. Sixty six people ran the race, which helped DISC raise \$1,018. The race proceeds will be used towards raising invasive species awareness in the Blackbird/Southern New Castle County area. Marcia will work with Fish and Wildlife and Cathy Martin to develop aquatic invader signs.
- Future Annual Meetings: Marcia and Kendall discussed combining future Annual Meetings with DNLA. If we were to do so, DISC would have a separate track or concurrent session on invasives. On election years (odd years) DISC would hold a normal "annual" meeting. Greg Gagliano asked if combining the annual meeting with DNLA would save time and effort. Kendall replied yes. Steve Castorani thought it would be a good idea for both organizations and audience members. Marcia and Kendall will follow-up with Valann for the 2014 meeting.
- DISC Board election year
 - Marcia read the nominations:
 - Chair: Ashley Kroon (DNREC)
 - Vice-Chair: Roger provided a brief explanation of the vice chair responsibilities. Nominations were taken from the Floor.
 - Marcia nominated Ashley Peebles (Forestry)
 - Greg nominated Linda Rosell (Winterthur)
 - Both candidates gave credentials and exited room.
 - Flavia Rutkosky made motion to have co-vice chairs. Elaine Schmerling seconded. Both were approved as co-vice chairs.
 - Secretary-Treasurer: Marcia Fox (DNREC)

- Parliamentarian: Roger Fuester (USDA, ARS)
- Committee chairs are elected by committee members (Article VII, Section 1), who are appointed by the Chair (Article IV, Section 4). Current committee chairs are:
 - Jimmy Kroon (DDA) – Research and Data Management
 - Kelly Valencik (DNREC) and Greg Gagliano (DNS) – Education
- Member-At-Large Positions
 - Kendall gave a brief explanation of the importance of having member at large positions.
 - Motion was made by Jared and seconded by Flavia. Motion approved.
 - Kate O’Hanlon and Jared were nominated for member at large positions.
 - Both candidates gave credentials and exited room.
 - Both were approved as co-vice chairs.
- Upcoming DDA Forum: Valann provided an overview of the upcoming DDA Forum to be held on December 4th. This forum evolved from the panel discussion on invasive species held at the Delaware Nursery and Landscape Association’s Horticulture conference. The forum will be by invite only to members of the nursery, retail, and landscape trade. The group will review the current invasive plant list and the Plants for Livable Delaware list and discuss potential phasing out and invasive plant signage legislation.

Adjourned 1:27 PM

Submitted By
Marcia Fox