

**Invasive Plants Association of Wisconsin [IPAW] - Board of Directors meeting**  
**Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005 / 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**  
**The Nature Conservancy, 633 West Main Street, Madison, WI - in the Forest Room**

**Board Members**

Present at TNC in Madison: Tom Boos, Amy Staffen

Joining via conference call: Tom Hunt, Mark Feider, Pat Goggin, Steve Strachota, Rolf Utegaard, John Exo, Jim Reinartz

**Other Participants**

Present at TNC in Madison: Kelly Kearns (WI-DNR), Hannah ? (TNC)

Joining via conference call: Katie Simonsen (IPAW PA)

President Goggin called the meeting to order.

1) Administrative

- a) Approve minutes of last regular meeting from September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2005
  - ◇ Motion to approve (Utegaard/ Hunt) – passed.
  - **Simonsen will send past minutes to post onto website.**
- b) Treasurer's report (Boos)
  - ◇ Motion to approve (Utegaard/ Hunt) – passed.

2) Old Business

- a) **Final economic impact statements** - crown vetch and brome– (Boos/Strachota)
  - i) Crown vetch and brome near final versions, but neither ready.
    - (1) Brome discussion:
      - **Staffen will contact grazing specialists (Laura Paine and Dan Undersander) to find alternative pasture and hay species under alternative crops for the brome.**
      - **Staffen will get list that includes \$/acre estimates burning/ mowing from contractors to Boos.**
    - (2) Crown vetch discussion: postponed.
  - ii) Full scope of uses for these EIS's
    - (1) Website information to create a discussion – create educational dialogue.  
Information that these species are problematic and encourage people to change to other crops and give alternatives.
  - iii) Members will keep working on them, getting other professionals to add to the final versions. Before posting a version on website, it will go to the board for a vote.
- b) **Short-term interest-bearing account set up vs. funds set aside for conferences**
  - i) ◇ Motion to put \$8000 into an account (Utegaard/ Hunt) – approved. Boos and Staffen will be signatures.
  - ii) Using funds for the conferences calls:
    - (1) □ **Feider will send out information on using internet for free conference calls.**
  - iii) Ehuddle session trial run

- (1)  **Goggin** and **Feider** will develop strategic planning questions for the ehuddle trial run.
- (2)  **Board members** will work to get on ehuddle in the next month.

3) New Business

a) **2005 annual summary/accomplishment report/success stories for membership**

- i) Goggin requests board member send him any photos and/or stories from field days, meetings, etc.
  - Goggin** will summarize request in an email.
- ii) Goggin will put together the power point presentation, but committee chairs will speak for a minute or two on their own committees.
  - Committee chairs** will send a bulleted list of 2-5 items to Goggin on the things they would like to cover.

b) **Next newsletter date/potential articles discussion** - (Reinartz/Goggin)

- i) Article ideas:
  - (1) Garlic mustard inventory by Jeremy
    - Kearns** will contact Jeremy
    - Staffen** will write a side bar on treatment.
  - (2) Tribute to Jerry Doll
    - Exo** will email Undersander and see if he has written something or would like to write it.
  - (3) Summary of aquatic invasives in Northwoods - **Goggin**
  - (4) Summary report IPAW in last year - **Goggin**
  - (5) Northern weed group, coop weed mgt meeting (Dar Olsen)
  - (6) Bill by Representative Meyer for invasive species funding – **Goggin**
  - (7) Funding proposal initiatives – **Nancy Braker**
  - (8) Reinforce conferences (**Staffen**); December conference (**Kearns**)
  - (9) Book availability (**Boos**)
  - (10) Summary of cash flow – updated finances
  - (11) Mandy Biels new handbook
  - (12) Summary of urban forest workshop (**Staffen**) – include URL
  - (13) Invasive plants of the forest through weed grant – **Kearns** (if available in January)
  - (14) Recipes
  - (15) Small coupon for the book
  - (16) Species specific articles –
    - Simonsen** will send list of species yet to cover to members.
- ii) Jim Reinartz will serve as editor.
  - All members** with submissions should give to Reinartz by December 2<sup>nd</sup> in MS-Word document format.
    - (1) Reinartz will send to Susan (Slapnick) for layout.
    - (2) Will copy to Boos to keep track of who has submitted.
- iii) **Deadline for mailing is December 21<sup>st</sup>.**

- c) **IPAW joint conference with WWA in Feb. 2006 update** - (Conference Committee members)
  - i) Finalized brochure – both conferences promoted
    - (1) Will be mailed on the 10<sup>th</sup>.
    - (2) Around \$70 for postage, \$190 for 800 brochures (includes 100 extra)
      - Staffen will send .pdf via email to Utegaard to print and to all members to distribute.**
  - ii) Staffen looking for help on some sessions. Each species session has presentations, and discussion, include control, research, ID.
    - (1) Reinartz will help with glossy buckthorn session
      - Goggin will contact Wendy Stein from the Northwoods coop mgt workshop.**
  - iii) Lussier family heritage center serving as co-sponsor, reduced facility fee.
  - iv) Staffen looking for someone to serve as a social coordinator.
    - (1) Will help plan joint field trips Friday.
  
- d) **NCWSS/MIPN meeting in Milwaukee 2006** - joint venture w/ IPAW (Kearns)
  - i) Kearns looking for ideas of what people want to see.
    - (1) Concurrent sessions on Wed and Thurs morning
    - (2) Ideas for workshops
      - (a) Herbicide – application, safety
      - (b) Clean boats, clean water (3 hours),
      - (c) Timing of herbicide in conjunction with plant biology
      - (d) Gadgets and different machines
      - (e) Funding opportunities – funding/ cost sharing for land owners
      - (f) Other herbicides – cross over with agronomist knowledge
  
- e) **Report on UW-EX Perennial Cropping Systems Weed Scientist position** [Jerry Doll replacement] interviews/presentations & IPAW input (Exo/Kearns)
  - i) Will be 70% outreach and public education
  - ii) Looking for a person with emphasis in invasive species
  - iii) Currently working on negotiations with candidate who has done a similar position in New Mexico.
  
- f) **Governor's Council on Invasive Species update** (Reinartz)
  - i) Classification (regulatory) system into DNR rules – latest draft 4 categories prohibited, restricted, watched, non-restricted.
  - ii) Making ISAM month an annual event
    - (1) Discussing if IPAW will serve as applicant organization for funding the position of ISAM coordinator.
  
- g) **IPAW fundraising efforts update** - (Goggin)
  - i) Awarded WE energy grant for \$6000
  - ii) Alliant energy \$5000 resubmitted 2006 February
  - iii) Am trans company – grant submitted at end of November
  - iv) Fundraising committee to send letter out to businesses interested in IPAW

- (1) Each member will receive 3 –5 of business letters for to sign and send out to businesses with which they are familiar.
  - (2) Reminder to have funding committee stay in touch with new invasive plant network which is also doing that to avoid duplicating requests for involvement.
- h) **Wisconsin Coastal Management Program grant proposal** (Goggin/Kearns)
- i)  Motion to approved grant (Boos/Rolf) – passed.
  - ii) It is to the DOA coastal management program through education program. Expanding early detection in coastal counties.
  - iii) Will need to decide on whether IPAW will hire directly or if they will contract out to the DNR.
  - iv) Members should contact Goggin for copy of grant.
- i) **IPAW communications/outreach archives** - display/booth materials, old newsletters, etc. (Utgaard)
- i) Explore the feasibility of a workshop for contractor control industry.
    - (1) The idea is to train the people with equipment but who need the specific education for this type of invasive species control niche.
      - Staffen will set up an outline and give to fundraising.**
  - ii) Brochures
    - Board members will email Boos with any edits of current brochure.**
    - Boos will make changes and order.** Noted change was “areas of interest” and the committees. Printing will be at 5000 or more, as decided by Boos.
- j) **Committee reports:** Conference planning; Education; Science; Green Industry relations; Government relations; Communication/web site subcommittee chair; Membership - (Chairpersons)
- k) **AIS funding - Assembly Bill 757** (Goggin)
- Goggin will send out a copy of the 5 million dollar funding bill for chemical and mechanical harvesting of aquatic invasive species.**
- l) **Herbicide and application equipment loan program for landowners from IPAW** - response to GLIFWC question (Goggin)
- i) Liability is a main concern, which is why Cooperative weed managements form.
  - ii) Equipment location is also a concern. Hard to have a centralized facility where people all over the state can find the equipment they need.
  - iii) It was noted that many county DNR foresters have equipment to loan out for free.
    - (1) Post this information somewhere on the IPAW website
    - (2)  **Goggin will have newsletter article or listserv questions.**
- 4) Next meeting/adjourn
- a) Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2-4 pm.
    - Exo will check phones**
    - Staffen will check on room at TNC Madison.**
 President Goggin adjourned.