Call to Order: ~9:45 a.m. Bob Tichenor

Additions to the agenda

None

Introductions

Dick Bean, MDA Dave Clement, MCE HGIC Rachel Cliche, USFWS

Eric Duce, SHA

Anne Hairston-Strang, MD DNR

Ruth Hanessian, MAPI Lane Heimer, MDA Carol Holko, MDA

Larry Hurley, Behnke Nurseries

Carol Jelich, MNPS

Sylvan Kaufman, Adkins Arboretum Patrick Kelly, AA Co. Rec. And Parks

Kerrie Kyde, MD DNR

Chris Luckett, MDE Fred Mann. USDA APHIS

Betty Marose, MCE Bob Rabaglia, MDA

Pete Rupp, MDA

\*Narine Sarvazyan. GW Univ Medical Center

Jil Swearingen, NPS

Sara Tangren, Chesapeake Native Nursery

Al Tasker, USDA APHIS

Sara Tasker

John Peter Thompson, MNLA

Bob Tichenor, MDA Bob Trumbule, MDA

\* new attendee

Additions to Agenda - none

Approval of Minutes from February, 2005

Motion to approve minutes as submitted. Motion seconded and approved.

# Membership

Motion to accept Chris Luckett as voting member of MISC. Motion seconded and approved. Motion to accept Pat Kelley as voting member of MISC. Motion seconded and approved.

Presentation of MDA Employee of the Year plaque to Dick Bean for emerald ash borer eradication project. Congratulations Dick!

## MISC list

Motion to add Callery pear to MISC list. Motion seconded and approved.

Dave Clement will get information for write-up

Other proposed list adjustments:

Group all bush honeysuckle into Lonicera spp.

SOD - ramorum blight, Phytophthora ramorum

Snakehead - 2 regulated species (Ruth H.)

Add brown marmorated stink bug

Footnote to list - e.g. "see most current list on Website"; partial list on brochure, more comprehensive list on Website

email comments to Carol, <a href="mailto:holkoca@mda.state.md.us">holkoca@mda.state.md.us</a>

Motion to submit minor list changes to general list serve vote for the purpose of reprinting brochure.

Motion seconded and approved.

Motion to form ad hoc committee to consider purpose of brochure and Web lists. Motion withdrawn.

# Invader of the Month

July, September

Motion to nominate hydrilla as July IOM. Motion seconded and passed.

Kerrie will write. Al Tasker will help and provide photos

Motion to nominate kudzu with tie-in to soybean rust as September IOM. Motion seconded and passed. Betty Marose will write. MDA will help.

Callery pear as candidate for Spring, 2006

Asian tiger mosquito? Human health not in our initial purview. No buy-in from MDA or health officials. Discuss as agenda item at future meeting

#### Updates:

Al Tasker

- National Invasive Weed Awareness Week (NIWAW) 6 successful, broad sprectrum, nontraditional audiences included
- NIWAW 7 Feb 27, 2006 tentative date, contact AI if interested in planning
- Weed Control & Eradication Act part of Plant Protection Act, may be assigned to APHIS, answer to GAO report regarding invasive weeds, involve other agencies, states, and regions in allocating money. Some \$\$ maybe available in FY06 by Congressional Act
- ANPR "Q-37" (7 CFR Part 319.37), quarantine on imports of Plants for Planting Proposed changes include:
  - 1. Establish programs to reduce risk of establishment of plant pests,
  - 2. Establish new import category of plant taxa to be excluded pending PRA,
  - 3. Improved data collection to determine taxa, origin, volume,
  - 4. Reevaluation of currently prohibited taxa,
  - 5. Include all plants for planting regulations into one.

Relates to propagative material, weeds generally are contaminants Evaluate potential risk of propagative material to become invasive

## DNR - Kerrie Kyde

- Volunteer weed pulls DNR looking to expand and formalize work with volunteer groups
   Savage River State Forest Japanese spirea
- USFWS published in Federal Register; 125 species not protected by Migratory Bird Treaty Reform Act - MBTRA (3/2005)

Fund for Animals and Humane Society filed suit Monday for "lifting" mute swan protections; MD DNR control efforts may be limited this year because of suit What can private citizens do? Kerrie will research and post to list serve

 Draft MISC poster - comment on posted copy regarding look, style to Kerrie, kkyde@dnr.state.md.us

## MDA - Dick Bean, Carol Holko, Lane Heimer

- Looking for exotic wood boring beetles by trapping
- Pine shoot beetle populations increasing in Garrett County, nothing in Montgomery or Frederick Counties
- Emerald ash borer sentinel trees planted in buffer and outplanted sites; Forest Pest Management surveying property owned and state parks visited by MI residents in Western Maryland - sentinel trees planted
- Soybean rust overwintered on kudzu in FL; visit

http://www.mda.state.md.us/plants-pests/soybean\_rust.php for Maryland Plan and links; 50' x 50' sentinel plots around country to map progression - six in Maryland; MCE sending out 75 master gardener packets with pole beans for additional sentinel plots; MDA will report first detection in state

- Pryeria sinica, euonymous leaf notcher, out now 2<sup>nd</sup> instar, will pupate by May; pruning out egg
  masses and larvae is effective if everyone in neighborhood does it; easy to kill; doesn't
  affect native Euonymous
- Phytophthora ramorum no USDA funding to date, will proceed with outreach and nursery perimeter survey (recording Secretary's note full funding has since been approved)
- Brown marmorated stinkbug, Halyomorpha halys magnets, Pest Alerts handed out
- Weed Control Program gearing up for thistle control, complaint response, 20 of 23 counties have programs for regulated weed control, invasive species; 50 program people statewide.

Discussion: :

mile-a-minute germinating now - use 2,4 D, Roundup, Transline for control Thistle control now?

#### Other news and updates

Dave Clement - MCE

• 1<sup>st</sup> detector training - workshops at 4 locations around state starting June 13 - insects and diseases (soybean rust, ramorum blight), contact Dave, email, for more information on how to become a "certified first detector"

#### Narine Sarvazyan

 Grew up in Russia, frustrated by vines overtaking trees; would like to organize group to fundraise, volunteer, wants advice - will leave business card; needs specific contact information and direction

Jil Swearingen - 1) Exotic plant management team, 2) MA-EPPC; Jil will provide contact information

Carol Jelich - MNPS volunteer coordination

Bob Tichenor - update on Mid-Atlantic Panel of Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force (ANSTF)

- Six ANSTF around country
- Bob represents MISC
- facilitate local and regional coordination
- encourage states to adopt state-level plans
- committees on regulation and policy, education and outreach, research
- no funding for on-the-ground action; primary funding is for administration and staff support
- two campaigns to educate the public about not releasing invasives sponsored by the US Fish and Wildlife Service and other partners:

http://www.protectyourwaters.net/ www.habitatitude.net

## Ruth Hanessian

- Habitatitude mailing to 28 million households on Petco mailing list
- Poster don't release an invasive species; should be posted in all pet stores

# John Peter Thompson

- MA-EPPC Symposium, August 16-17, 2005
- MNLA and Dept. Of Education 4-year horticultural curriculum; new manual to include invasives module
- NISAC John Peter is on committee to produce white paper on definition of "invasive species";
   i.e. raise awareness of definition as it exists in the Executive Order

PBS Special, Strange Days on Planet Earth, Invasives episode premiered last night - mixed reviews

#### Sara Tangren

- ad hoc sawtooth oak committee members should meet with Sara after meeting
- proposal to determine which native species can be effectively used as soil stabilizers partially

# funded, pending full funding

#### Carol Holko

Invasive plant legislation summaries at Eastern Plant Board meeting; we can learn from what others have done

#### Chris Luckett

- State ballast water exchange legislation repealed replaced by new federal legislation
- MDE involvement invasive species are environmental pollution
- Empty frog boxes found near Lake Elkhorn in Columbia coordinated with DNR; probably false alarm

# Anne Hairston-Strang

• Draft of riparian buffer design and maintenance guide - will send out to listserve for review

Eric Duce - SHA Canada thistle spraying to commence

Contact Al Tasker, Alan.V.Tasker@USDA.gov, for extra copies of *Weed Technology, 2004 Invasive Weed Symposium* 

Requesting MISC membership -

Future meeting dates & locations

Wednesday, June 13, Adkins Arboretum, Faith Kuehn speaker - "Plants for a Livable Delaware", alternatives to invasive landscape plants

August - contact Bob with suggestions for location

~Adjourn 12:45~

Respectfully submitted by: Carol Holko, Recording Secretary