

Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management Area Meeting Minutes

Wednesday April 11, 2007

Attendance:

Stefania Strzalkowska (Bayfield Cnty AIS), Miles Falck (GLIFWC), Carmen Chapin (NPS), Tom Cogger (NRCS), Tom Janssen (Mergent/Great Lakes Pipeline), Angela Roe (Mergent/Great Lakes Pipeline), Ryan Magana (WDNR), Leah Gibala (BRDNR), Matt Bushman (USFS), Steven Spickerman (USFS), Scott Bagley (Living Forest Cooperative) and Dara Olson (GLIFWC).

9 a.m. – 10 a.m: Donut Discussion – Educational Ideas

Minutes

- Special guests for Great Lakes Pipeline – Tom & Angie
 - Pipeline ROW - Duluth, MN through northern Wisconsin to the U.P. of Michigan to Detroit
 - Always looking to partner up with local groups – receive invasive species tax credits.
 - In process of writing an Operations & Maintenance Plan for the section of pipeline that runs through the NF.
 - Great Lakes will be digging up a 3 mile stretch of the pipeline in Bayfield County this summer. They are actively working with the Chequamegon Nicolet NF to develop a non-native invasive species plan for the stretch. Prior to digging up the site, spotted knapweed will be treated with herbicide – previously conducted NNIS surveys. After completed, the site will be seeded with native seed (fall or spring). They will monitor the site for 2-3 years.
 - Carmen gave a background of the NCWMA – MOU, Management Plan and how we function.
- Management Plan
 - Completed except for “Collection & Management of Funds” section.
 - Leah will email out updated management plan for comments/edits next week.
- Bay City Creek Trail.
 - Buckthorn removal day scheduled for Wednesday April 25th with a back-up date for Thursday April 26th. This will also act as NPS training - anyone is welcome to come see how they train their crew.
 - Check out details on the NCWMA website – email David VanderMeulen ASAP if you are planning on attending (David_VanderMeulen@nps.gov)
- Bayfield Knotweed day - WI Travel Green Grant w/Apostle Island Realty (\$1,000)
 - Target date: July 11th – Carmen will keep us posted on the official date.
 - Morning session will be an educational presentation at the Apostle Islands NPS auditorium with lunch provided. Afternoon will be spent on the Brownstone Trail conducting control work using Rodeo.
 - Registration will be limited to 50 people.
 - We will need herbicide certified folks there & everyone else to help out with the event.
- Midwest Invasive Plant Network (MIPN, www.mipn.org) membership drive
 - Dues are match for MIPN grants
 - \$50/yr for long term membership
 - Carmen has membership forms (Carmen is on the board of directors)
- MIPN is looking for photos for another brochure – aquatics & horticulture
 - Carmen will send out a spreadsheet of needed photos
 - If you have photos or are out in the field and can take some photos

- Great Lakes Conference in Duluth this October – Invasives Session
 - Carmen was going to do a NCWMA presentation, but she has a conflict
 - Anyone willing to take her place?
 - Abstracts are due June 15th
- Fiscal Administration
 - State/federal grants will be able to assimilate into accounting easily
 - Small private grants may be more difficult
 - Need to find out about non-profit status through ABDI or possibility of going through IPAW (Kelly Kearns)
 - Stefania will check things out at ABDI
- NCWMA Logo
 - Incorporate: NCWMA title, north woods/location, cooperation, landscape (upland to wetland to aquatic), simple (ability to be printed in black & white – reproduction at multiple scales), caption/mission statement somewhere on the logo
 - Leah will call around for prices (Jill O’Neil – Graphically Put; Printing Plus)
- Coastal Management Grant – still up for review
- National Invasive Species Committee (NISC), Advisory Committee.
 - Miles is on the Advisory Committee which advises the NISC
 - Orientation the first week of May in Miami
 - Good voice for the Midwest – Carmen explained how a lot of funding is going to the east coast & out west.
- NCWMA brochure
 - Carmen will draft up a start to the brochure using the template from the NPS EPMT brochure using the NCWMA poster.
 - Once completed she will send it out to Miles and it will continue to be passed around the group.
- ISAM Woodland Field Day – June 30th
 - Reviewed a draft outline of event
 - Emphasize: monitoring, best management practices & prevention
 - Presentation for city board in May
- Next month’s Donut Discussion – no topic chosen. If you have a suggestion – just email the group.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO TOM & ANGIE FOR TRAVELING SO FAR TO JOIN THE MEETING!

Next meeting to be held at the NGLVC on Wednesday May 10th at 10 a.m.
***** Donut Discussion at 9 a.m. *****