

Northwoods Weed Council Meeting Notes
July 21, 1999
10am Northern Great Lakes Visitors Center

Attendees:

Becky Sapper	Miles Falck	Kristy Geise
Tom Cogger	Libby Bunch	Becky Dinsmore
Sue Trull	Quita Sheehan	Kelly Kearns
Karen Danielsen		

1) *Kelly* talk to Gary Kania about what percent of in kind contributions can be used for Pulling Together Initiative. Also, if Conf. is in March 2001 can we apply for funds this grant cycle? *Tom* will talk to Golden sands to see if Northwoods weed group can umbrella under their 501c3 status. *Becky S.* checking on the same issue with the The Nature Conservancy. The group decided that we need to formally organize to deal with any funds that we solicit, and lay out the coordination of the group. *Karen* will take the CEPPC MOU as a model and work it up for our group so all the members can take to their Leadership teams. We just have to have the coordination in the works but not completed by the time we submit our proposal in Oct/Nov.

2) Pamphlet/poster: Poster with pamphlet info on the back, targeted to the general public about invasive weeds in natural areas, agriculture, gardening, economics. Target is 3 state and 20,000 copies. *Libby* is collecting info. Lay out will incorporate ideas from "what is wrong with this picture" and the Montana weed poster "Spread the word". Species will be: purpleloosestrife, garlic mustard, leafy spurge, Eurasian water milfoil, spotted knapweed, non-native thistles, buckthorn, and honeysuckles. *Karen and Libby* will get cost estimates from GLIFWC staff. Funding: *Kelly* will contact Friends of the Field, Fed Highway Commission. *Quita* will contact Bradley Foundation, Duluth-Superior Area Foundation, Minn. DNR, Leach Lake Reservation and contact Julie about the Park Service. *Karen* will contact Dow & Monsanto. *Tom* will look at Equip grants. *Kristy* will contact the USFWS in Ashland.

3) Report from Kelly on other groups including new group, and weed legislation including an Executive summary of legislation.

4) Proposed Weed Conference Proposal - *Karen* will get budget info from the Wild Rice Conf. to *Quita* to work up the initial proposal for a 2 day conference for 500 attendees, including costs for printing, mailing, travel/honoraria, and supplies. (Wild Rice conf. = 2 days, 250 people at a cost of \$12,-13,000). *Everyone* will look for other funding sources. *Tom* will look into using interns through NRCS for the conference.

The top 3 outcomes for the conference - 1) Emphasize Wild Area Weeds, 2) Raise awareness in agencies, organizations, landowners, and general public, and 3) Share Information.

Also provide an opportunity to jump start state weed council
Target Area - Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota.

Concurrent Sessions

- 1) Strategic planning including monitoring and prioritization
- 2) Control info - case studies, tools
- 3) Executive order, Legislation/policy, and roadblocks
- 4) Program coordination, partnerships
- 5) Education

Keynote speakers, availability and honoraria costs: *Kelly* to check with Randy Westbrook, *Becky S* to check on John Randal, *Kristy* on Roger B. of Minn.

The next meeting will be Wed. Sept 1 at 9 am at the Great lakes Visitors Center in Ashland. Potential agenda items: 1) MOU, 2) Pamphlet layout, and funding source proposals, 3) Weed Conference - costs, proposal, other partners and funding.

If anyone would like to attend the sept meeting either in person or by phone - contact Quita (715)479.2827, or quita/r9_cheni@fs.fed.us