

THE OKLAHOMA INVASIVE PLANT COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE OFFICERS' & BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING  
OKLAHOMA FARM BUREAU, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA  
16 MAY 2011

Karen Hickman, President, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Karen Hickman, Bruce Hoagland, Marla Peek, Chad Cox, Tim Bartram, Jay Pruett, Brad Stumph, Priscilla Crawford, Jim Harris, and guest Jeanetta Cooper (ODAFF) were in attendance.

The minutes of the 25 February 2011 Board of Directors' meeting were unanimously approved with no revisions necessary.

Bruce Hoagland had nothing to report on behalf of the Science Committee.

Marla Peek reported for the Policy Committee. She has been working on a revision of the bylaws. She passed out copies of the current and amended draft bylaws. There was a discussion over these potential changes. The BOD decided we would like the bylaws to say that there may be up to 13 BOD members. The BOD decided not to require quarterly meetings, but instead specify at least one meeting of the BOD a year. Marla is looking into official incorporation and amending the articles of incorporation. The BOD decided, as secretary, Priscilla Crawford would become the registered service agent. The BOD decided upon a fiscal year July 1 to June 30. The new bylaws will not be ready for a vote by the annual meeting in July, but it was determined that according to the current bylaws, we are not limited to amending them during the annual meeting of the membership. Marla has the assistance of attorneys to help with the incorporation and non-profit paperwork.

Brad reported on his activities with the Education Committee. Brad used \$700 of OkIPC funds to purchase a display board, carrying case, and logo banner. He will be taking the board with an informational poster on OkIPC to the Extension Agent Training. It is encouraged that other BOD members use the board and poster for other outreach events. Curtis Tackett plans to take the display to the Intertribal Environmental Council meeting in June. Jay Pruett and Brad will draft a PowerPoint covering the basic OkIPC message. Karen proposed that student written invasive species fact sheets be made available on the OkIPC website. It was encouraged that local information be included so that these sheets are not duplications of similar sheets produced by other national or state organizations. Brad is compiling potential funding sources for the OkIPC.

Chad reported on the activities of the Citizen Science Committee. He and Curtis have attended the Blue Thumb volunteer trainings in Tahlequah and Anadarko. They have given a presentation on aquatic invasives. There is interest in learning more, but people are hesitant to report. Chad continues to work on having Master Naturalists participate in the Citizen Science program.

Priscilla reported on her activities in the Membership and Public Relations Committee. There were no new members this quarter. Priscilla and Jay saw a presentation on the iMapInvasive database system. The Science Committee will look over this system versus the EDDMapS system that Texas Invasives uses.

Karen reported on the plans for the annual meeting. Priscilla set up online registration again this year. Karen is still looking for speakers. Tim Bartram suggested a talk about the Oklahoma Forestry Services Firewise program. Karen reported that complimentary registration for special invited guests will be available. She encouraged the BOD to submit names of people to invite. Karen needs help finding meeting sponsorships. Jeanetta Cooper will bring the ODAFF and Firewise displays for the meeting.

Priscilla is organizing the poster session.

Chad gave the treasurers report. We currently have \$3802.76 in the account. The display board purchase has not been accounted for. It was agreed that Priscilla Crawford will become an additional signatory on the OkIPC banking account.

Karen reported for the Nomination Committee. The committee has a slate of potential nominees to present at the annual meeting.

Jay Pruett reported on the meetings with stakeholders. Jay and Karen met with Darrel Dominick, Oklahoma Conservation Commission. The Conservation Commission has a good grassroots base in the counties and may be a good way to give out information to local citizens. Jay and Brad met with the University of Tulsa economist, Chad Settle. Chad said he would help with a grant application to get an economic evaluation of invasives in Oklahoma.

Karen reported on the NAEPPC conference call that she participated in as President of the OkIPC. From the call, Karen thought it would be useful to create short invasive species lists based on ecoregions. After some discussion, it was suggested that Bruce look into using the department of tourism's regions for regional lists. Jay reminded the BOD that we need to justify the species on each of these lists.

Karen encouraged the BOD to attend the Natural Areas Association meeting that will include the NAEPPC annual meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Priscilla H. C. Crawford  
Secretary

Approved 26 October 2011 at quarterly BOD meeting.