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THE OKLAHOMA INVASIVE PLANT COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE OFFICERS' & BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING  
OKLAHOMA FARM BUREAU, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA  
16 JANUARY 2012

Jay Pruett, President, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Jay Pruett, Karen Hickman, Brad Stumph, Tim Bartram, Russell Stevens, Chad Cox, and guests Barbara Fuson and Brian Hall (ODAFF) were in attendance.

Jay reported for the Science Committee. The group discussed the data requirements, organization, and storage structure for a Citizen Science mapping project. Tim added that probability of control should play a role in this effort and that common names should be utilized to make the list accessible to a maximum number of participants. ODAFF noted that their state-wide inventory is available to the general public. The inventory only includes trees but now extends west of I-35 as a result of the extensive eastern red cedar encroachment. Eastern red cedar infestations are classified as forest land by ODAFF.

Jay reported for the Policy Committee. The Farm Bureau efforts to help OkIPC attain 501 3(c) status continue but do not have any new developments to report at this time. A Landowner Confidentiality Bill is being considered/drafted with Farm Bureau support. The bill would require certification by landowners for any site/species specific data collected on private land.

Brad reported for the Education Committee. In Jay and Brad's last meeting with Chad Settle (Natural Resource Economist, University of Tulsa) it was suggested that the group identify 4 candidates for an economic analysis. Leading candidates included kudzu, purple loosestrife, sericea lespedeza, hydrilla, and bindweed. Others considered included eastern red cedar, watermilfoil, salt cedar. Factors influencing discussion included: available data, probability of control, geographic location, habitats affected. Karen will be speaking on invasive plants at the Native Plant Society meeting at OCU on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>. The group also discussed attending meetings/trade shows in 2012 and which forum provides the most effective outreach for our organization. Russell mentioned that booth space at the Cattleman's convention fill up quickly and should be reserved well in advance. He also added that SRM and TWS will hold a joint meeting this year at the Tallgrass Prairie Preserve. Fact Sheets: Dr. Armstrong at OSU maintains a master list of fact sheets. It is anticipated that many will need updated. From a producer perspective, multi-species sheets are effective. If chemical control names are not used, the sheets would stay relevant longer. Photos and lay-person ID tips are needed to give the fact sheets the greatest utility. "Community of Practice" is a nationwide extension service and source of peer-reviewed literature and expertise that can provide more in-depth treatment of certain invasives.

Chad reported for the Citizen Science Committee. Chad spoke at the Tahlequah Conservation District meeting on 11/3/11. Tim suggested that a presentation be developed for the Master gardener program to help prevent the cultivation of invasives.

No report was given for the Membership Committee.

Karen reported for the Annual Meeting Committee. A date (7/10/12) and location (Lake Arcadia) has been finalized. The meeting will be catered by Jason's Deli. Karen is asking for suggestions for speakers. Some topics/ideas that would provide variety from previous years include: aquatics, a representative from the national organization, soil communities, agronomic, horticulture, economics, feral hogs, OK Fire, Mesonet.

Chad gave the treasurers report. There is currently \$4,586 in the account.

In New Business, the potential of castor beans (ricin) to contaminate wheat crops and affect trade was discussed. It was also mentioned that Ron Hays (OK NRCS director) sends out a daily news feed which often contain information about invasives.

The meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brad Stumph

THE OKLAHOMA INVASIVE PLANT COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING AT THE COUNCIL MEETING  
ARCADIA CONSERVATION EDUCATION AREA  
OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION  
TUESDAY, 10 JULY 2012

OkIPC President Jay Pruett called the meeting to order at 3:18 p.m. with a quorum present.

Marla Peek reported on the non-profit filing status. She is willing to help with the paperwork to make the OkIPC a stand-alone non-profit (we are currently operating under the Oklahoma Native Plant Society). She believes that the Oklahoma Farm Bureau Foundation could contribute half of the fees associated with filing as a non-profit. There was a motion and it was passed to seek a pro bono filing attorney and if that is not available, to go with the lowest bid.

Chad Cox presented the treasurer's report. The exact numbers were not available because of the total annual meeting expenditure's and income were not complete.

The minutes of the annual business meeting of 12 July 2011 were presented and accepted with a minor typographical correction.

President Pruett made a call for nominations for open positions the Board of Directors. Tim Bartram and Curtis Tackett were re-nominated to their positions on the board. Dennis Martin was nominated as a board member. This slate of nominees was elected by voice vote.

There was a brief presentation of the "Dirty Dozen" list. There is concern about listing economically important species, in particular Bermuda grass and Fescue. Marla Peek proposed the following disclaimer:

"This list was generated from opinions of the OkIPC Board for the purposes of providing information on invasive plant species in Oklahoma to the public. The list is not sanctioned by any local, state, or federal agency, and it is not intended to initiate, support, or oppose any law or regulation regarding invasive plant species."

There was a motion to approve the species list with the disclaimer. The motion passed.

Priscilla Crawford, Membership Committee Chair, reported that 88 people are currently on the membership list. She also reported that 52 people attended this year's meeting.

Karen Hickman, Annual Meeting Committee Chair, requests help to organize next year's annual meeting. She lamented that few extension educators are aware of the OkIPC and the annual meeting. She also suggested that the annual meeting would be a great place to better coordinate sightings of invasive species. She also recommended have student presentation prizes.

New board members were installed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Priscilla H. C. Crawford, OkIPC Secretary

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14 DECEMBER 2012

Jay Pruett, president, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Members Marla Peek, Tonya Dunn, Curtis Tackett, Brad Stumpf, Russell Stevens, Darrel Dominick, and Priscilla Crawford were present and Karen Hickman attended via telephone. Guest Lara Souza, Oklahoma Biological Survey, also attended.

In Bruce Hoagland's absence, there was no formal report from the Science Committee.

Marla Peek reported for the Policy Committee. Marla reported that bills are being filed now with the state legislature. The Oklahoma Farm Bureau has asked legislators to work on laws emphasizing invasive species, especially eastern red cedar. There is a proposed federal law that will require an invasive species management plan in order to obtain federal funds. The management plan will need the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture and other state agencies to be involved in its development. Karen suggests that we look to other states' plans as a basis for our document. Karen also announced that she has applied for an OSU Provost sponsored planning grant to develop an interdisciplinary program, which would create an Oklahoma invasive species center. Her goal would be to develop the state invasive species management plan with these funds.

Marla reported that progress in establishing our own 501c3 has stalled. Jay will look into hiring someone to finish filing the paperwork, which should cost approximately \$1500. Darrel has experience developing non-profits and will help with this process.

For the education committee, Karen discussed the creation of an invasive species poster. Karen has contacted the artist to illustrate our top invasive species for the state. The artist will create line drawings and watercolors for \$8900. So far, funding is coming from the Oklahoma Chapter of The Nature Conservancy (\$5000), Samuel Robert Noble Foundation (\$500), Oklahoma Biological Survey (\$500), and Oklahoma Natural Areas Registry (\$500). The poster will be offered at no cost. A motion was made and approved to spend the donations on procuring the artwork.

Karen also requested that OkIPC sponsor a session at the Society for Range Management meeting held in Oklahoma City in February. Karen donated \$250 to OkIPC for the purpose and is requesting that OkIPC match to increase the sponsorship to \$500. A motion was made and her request was approved.

Jay read the Citizen Science Committee report sent in by Chad Cox. Chad's Citizen Scientist activity has concentrated on callery pears (Bradford pears are one cultivar of this species). From the survey he conducted, all the larger towns responding reported the presence of self-seeding callery pears. He will solicit information from the towns without reports this spring when the trees are in bloom. The report of this survey will be forwarded to the legislators on the Agriculture Committees and to various media outlets.

Priscilla reported on the Membership Committee activities. There were no new members since the annual meeting. She as updated the web site with the annual meeting presentations and new board members.

Karen reported on the planning progress of the annual meeting, which will be held at the ODWC Lake Arcadia Education Area again on 9 July 2013. The registration fees will be the same as last year. Karen is looking for speakers. There will be a student contest this year with monetary awards. A motion was made and approved to use \$700 to fund the student awards. Curtis agreed to be in charge of the judging committee. Karen is requesting that someone else be responsible for sponsors. Marla and Tim will contact several of the past sponsors/donors. For a \$250 sponsorship, the group will receive two registrations, a display table, and logo on website and meeting program. Karen is looking for a speaker to focus on agricultural issues since we are receiving significant funds from agriculture related companies.

Jay reported that there have been no recent meetings with partner agencies or organizations. He plans to have more in the spring.

It was recommended that we review the original strategies and goals of the OkIPC to insure that we are interested in continuing with these. After reading them, there was general agreement that we are following them. There was a vote of confidence and the BOD will continue to with these as written.

Jay reported that the NAEPPC did not meet this fall, but there should be a meeting this spring, which he plans to attend.

In new business, Priscilla and Lara spoke about a pilot project to set up a reporting system for a select group of invasive plants. They would target biologists and land managers of state agencies in this initial project. They requested and were granted permission to claim that OkIPC is a supporting organization for the project.

Darrel Dominick gave report on the Oklahoma Prescribed Burn Association. They are still working on obtaining a carrier for the liability insurance policy during a burn for landowners with an approved burn plan. There are currently 15 local prescribed burn associations.

Jay gave Chad Cox's Treasurer's report in his absence. As of 22 Sept 2012, there was \$5670.79 in the OkIPC bank account. This should include all the transactions from the annual meeting, both expense and income.

Jay, Karen, Brad, and Marla will make up the Nomination Committee to find candidates for President Elect and four positions on Board of Directors.

Meeting adjourned 11:55.

Respectfully submitted,  
Priscilla Crawford, OkIPC Secretary  
Approved by the Board of Directors on 30 April 2013.