

THE OKLAHOMA INVASIVE PLANT COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE OFFICERS' & BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
OKLAHOMA BIOLOGICAL SURVEY, NORMAN, OKLAHOMA
MARCH 08, 2016

Priscilla Crawford called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. Members Karen Hickman, Mike Porter, Dennis Martin, Russell Stevens, Lydia Calhoun, Jay Pruett, Tonya Dunn, Curtis Tackett, Lisa Castle, and Amy Buthold were present.

Priscilla Crawford commented on the draft meeting minutes from October 22, 2015; she requested the minutes to reflect she was in charge of registration for the Oklahoma Natural Resources Annual Conference committee, not the sponsorship packet. A motion was made and passed to accept the meeting minutes from October 22, 2015 with the aforementioned change.

President Report

Priscilla announced and welcomed new members Mike Porter, Lydia Calhoun, Lisa Castle, and Amy Buthold.

President Elect Report

No activity to report.

Secretary Report

No activity to report.

Treasurer Report

Amy Buthold is the new Treasure for OkIPC. Amy reported no change in the bank balance and she is working with Chadwick Cox to be added as a signer on the account at the bank.

Annual Meeting Committee Report

Priscilla reported for the Annual Meeting Committee. Priscilla reported 289 participants at the Oklahoma Natural Resources Annual Conference. Of the profit from the conference, each hosting group (Oklahoma Chapters of the Wildlife Society, American Fisheries Society, Society for Range Management, Prescribed Fire Council, Water Conservation Society, and OkIPC) in attendance will receive a percentage; Priscilla will follow up in April and get check. The Council agreed to join the combined Annual Conference again and look into adding a section of invasive plants, possibly a concurrent breakout session.

A motion was made for OkIPC to participate in next year's Natural Resources Annual meeting and include an invasive plant species symposium. The motion passed.

Suggestions for the Annual Conference include participating in student competition as done in the past and announce scholarships or small grants at the banquet. It was also suggested that the invasive species symposium be held on a Friday and be promoted to the Council's stakeholders. Priscilla will clarify OkIPC's Annual Board Meeting arrangements at the next Oklahoma Natural Resources meeting.

Policy Committee Report

Russell Stevens reported for the Policy Committee. Russell reported that the Burn Ban Bill is up for changes; one modification is changing burn bans from 30 days to 14 days. There may also be changes for the feral hog; the Department of Agriculture may add a law governing the transport of swine.

Membership and Public Relations Committee Report

Priscilla Crawford reported for the Membership and Public Relations Committee. Priscilla reported some people joined the eNewsletter list and she has received about 100 requests for the Dirty Dozen poster. Priscilla started receiving emails for requests and there seems to be nationwide interest. Discussion was made regarding changing the form to add a space for requestor to note how he/she heard about the poster.

Discussion was also made about reconsidering how OkIPC handles membership. A suggestion was made to put a check box on the registration form for the Annual Conference, enabling the registrant to opt in receiving OkIPC's newsletter.

Karen Hickman reported working on finishing up the fact sheets. Amy Buthold volunteered to help fact check. The fact sheets will be ready by next year and can be focus for the symposium; student presentations to be related to the species on the Watch List.

Citizen Science Committee

Chadwick Cox is the chair of the committee; Jay Pruett will get with Chadwick.

Science Committee Report

No activity to report.

Old Business Discussed

Invasive Species Management Plan:

Establishing a Management Plan Committee to help with finishing the IS Management Plan was discussed; possible members include Chad Cummings, Karen Hickman, and Marla Peek.

Small Grant Proposals:

Priscilla reported receiving comments on the small grants proposal form. It was suggested to rephrase and clarify that "researcher" can include groups/organizations.

There was discussion of increasing budget for grants. With the Council's current bank balance and revenue from this year's Annual Conference an increase in grant money may be feasible. Jay Pruett reported The Nature Conservancy will make \$5,000 donation; it was discussed that OkIPC could use the donation towards grants and student awards.

Priscilla will look into additional wording in proposal application to address intellectual property rights statement; OkIPC wants rights to use results of funded research. Priscilla will put out another draft with added statement and dates for the Council's review. Assuming students will be applying for grants, the Priscilla will see how the dates fit in with the academic calendar.

Elections and Recruitment:

For the next round of elections, the Council will make an effort to seek stakeholders not currently seen in BOD. Karen Hickman suggested developing an Advisory Board to ensure diversity of stakeholders. Discussion was made regarding how the Advisory Board works; Jay Pruett reported that an Advisory Board is traditionally non-voting.

New Business Discussed

Priscilla opened discussion for potential proposal projects from Board and OkIPC members. Priscilla mentioned working with state parks and staff with information on invasive species. Dennis Martin will email potential projects regarding invasive species to the BOD.

The next BOD meeting will be held in June 2016; Priscilla will email another meeting poll to the BOD to determine best date for the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tonya N. Dunn, OkIPC Secretary