

Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management Area (NCWMA) Meeting

Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center, Ashland

Tuesday October 6, 2009 9:00am

Present: Matt Bushman (USFS), Stefania Strzalkowska (Bayfield Co), Jane Swenson (Iron River), Dara Olson (GLIFWC), Heather Palmquist (Iron Co), Tom Wise (Living Forest Coop), Isaiah Messerly (NPS), Carmen Chapin (NPS), Darienne McNamara (NCWMA Coordinator, recorded minutes)

- U.S. Forest Service Agreement with NCWMA
 - Currently have an MOU (Mem. of *Understanding*), Matt suggested we enter into an MOA (Mem. of *Agreement*) – with an MOU we can work together, with an MOA we can exchange funds
 - Need to be a formal entity (i.e. nonprofit) to have an MOA with the USFS
 - Should the NCWMA become a formal nonprofit and obtain 501(c)3 status? Or should we utilize an umbrella organization, such as IPAW (become an affiliate)?
- Funding from USFS
 - Up to \$50K may be available to NCWMA through USFS via Great Lakes Restoration Initiative funding; how to spend? Group suggestions:
 - treating gravel pits so USFS can point contractors to sources of “clean gravel” – this would address a major source of invasives in national forest
 - setup office for NCWMA – office supplies, rent, computer, etc.
- New members interested in joining the group
 - lake association from Iron River (Jane Swenson in communication with them)
 - Town of Grandview – particularly interested in info for their road crews, Darienne is in contact with them, presenting at their Town Mtg in December
 - Town of Delta – Jane Swenson made contact, Darienne will follow-up as well
- Private landowners seeking information
 - landowners have contacted the Coordinator and also attended meetings, looking for information about invasives on their property
 - the NCWMA is not equipped to provide direct assistance to these landowners – what can we do for them?
 - Darienne will create a handout for landowners, directing them to various types of resources (information, supply stores, contractors, local professionals, etc.) – this will be accomplished this winter
- Living Forest Coop has several jugs of Garlon up for grabs – who wants it?
 - Darienne contacted the Madeline Island Wilderness Preserve about this – got no response

Next Meeting Date:

9am – Donut Discussion

10am – Business Meeting

Tuesday ~~November 3, 2009~~ *changed to Nov 10!*

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