

Northwoods Weed Initiative
Meeting Minutes
Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center
06-05-2003

Attendees: Tom Cogger, Miles Falck, Barb Gajewski, John Markus, Dara Olson, Steven Spickerman, Pam Troxell, Wendy Stein

*Discussed a data form for monitoring spurge sites prior to conducting any work on the site. Steven has put one together and will send a copy (via email) for comments.

Tom would like the Ecology Club to assist with monitoring of the spurge site on Maple Hill prior to beetle release. Miles has supplies (meter tape, flagging, square meter stakes, etc.). Tom has digital camera and will ask Jennifer Maziasz to bring GPS; set tentative date of June 15, 2003. If possible, should try to get media to come out. Photos could be used in posters.

*Pam has 2 students working on the layout of posters. She also has 2 students for a week to do surveys. Students will conduct surveys in western Bayfield County and Douglas County. Dara offered to give them a little background on invasives. Miles will email a data sheet to Pam (basically collect number of plants, acre class, and highlight on map). Pam will submit the data to Miles.

*Miles distributed the draft brochure. He is searching for a title. Send him any ideas you may come up with.

*Discussed pros/cons of becoming an IPAW member. Pros include an entity for grant submittals, but we have the Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute now providing that role. Negative side includes possible cost; would we need a President, Vice President. Decided to ask Quita (or Pat Goggin) if we could attend meetings from time to time for information flow... or could we get updates via Pat.

*John stated the Extension would mail a letter and fact sheet to Town of Washburn residents. The letter will request that residents mow the spurge prior to it going to seed. Wendy will get him a copy of the CD-Rom with addresses for the Town of Washburn residents.

Next meeting: July 9, 2003, 9:00 a.m. at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center
(*Update: meeting changed to July 30, 2003 9:00 a.m.*)