

Northwoods Weed Initiative
Meeting Minutes
Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center
12-09-2003

Attendees: Gary Czypinski, Miles Falck, Kristy Maki, John Markus, Steven Spickerman, Wendy Stein, Pam Troxell, Amanda Bade, and Cathy Hoffman

***Herbicide**

The Town of Washburn approved funding (approximately \$700) for purchase of a container (2-1/2 gallons) of Plateau herbicide. Miles will provide Wendy with the vendor information. Miles suggested a Town maintenance worker attend the certification training for a cost of about \$30.00. Plateau is not a restricted use herbicide but the training would provide good information on use and handling.

***Poster Update/Comments**

Pam made the previous edits suggested by the group and Miles provided a printed copy of each poster on large paper. Suggestions made: get higher resolution photos (600 dpi & low compression), put the title in bold and increase the font size, change the layout somewhat, use the more-wordy design as a handout and the less-wordy as a poster; send to Miles in .pdf format for printing.

***Leafy Spurge Powerpoint Presentation**

Cathy Hoffman made an assignment to her Ecology class at the Washburn High School to create a Powerpoint presentation on an invasive species. They covered most of the species in Mike Kroenke's aquatic invasive guide as well as others. Amanda Bade chose Leafy spurge and gave her presentation to the group. Amanda did an excellent job covering both the biology and history of the plant, how it spreads, and possible control measures. The presentation was professional and informative.

Cathy asked for suggestions from the group to correct or improve the presentation.

The students will be making presentations to the 6th grade class as well as the Washburn School Board in an effort to "spread the word" on invasives.

***Curriculum**

Pam reported on the lesson plans being developed by Clayton Russell's Northland College class. They still need additional work, however, the result will be a total of 6 lesson plans for elementary, middle, and high school levels.

Miles made a presentation to Clayton's class.

***Grants**

The National Forest Foundation grant is due December 12th, but there is another chance for submittal in the spring. Decided to update our Mangement Plan and re-submit in the spring.

Discussed the Great Lakes Coastal Program grant and the possibility of submitting a proposal to fund a coordinator position. Gary offered to check on whether the funds could be used to fund a position. Suggested getting letters of support from the Town of Washburn, LCO, UW-Extension. Grant application is due 12/31. Pam will check if there are any conflicts with SOEI acting as the fiscal agent. If not, Wendy will put a proposal together and circulate it for comments. Wendy will check to see if Quita Sheehan would have any interest in acting as our coordinator.

***Miscellaneous**

- Gary mentioned the noxious weed bill in Congress. If it passes there is likely to be more funding to agencies and groups for noxious weeds. He will keep us updated on the bill.
- Discussed a "Watch" card for leafy spurge similar to the numerous aquatic invasive "watch" cards available.
- Kristy reported on the invasive conference she attended in Florida

***Next meeting**

Thursday, January 15, 2004, 9:00 a.m. at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center (1st floor multi-purpose room). *(Note: date changed to January 21, 2004.)*

- Agenda topics:
- Focus on updating the Draft Management Plan
 - Other items as time permits

Wendy Stein
Notetaker