

**KITSAP COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED BOARD
MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16th 2006
7-9 POPLARS ROOM
SILVERDALE COMMUNITY CENTER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Jane Wentworth, Wendy McClure, Joyce Komac, Joanne Weber, John Collins, Dana Coggon, and Toni Probert.

I. There were no introductions.

II. Public comments: Jane opened the meeting to comments from the public. There was no one from the public in attendance.

III. Approval of the January 2006 minutes. A revision was made to the February 17th, date for Dana presentation to the Master Gardener Class. The presentation will be February 24th. Wendy made a motion to approve the January 2006 minutes with the revision, with Joyce seconded. The January 2006 minutes were approved.

IV. Announcements & Board Comments:

Wendy announced Dr. Peter Zeka along with the Washington State Native Plant Organization, is putting together a list of noxious weed species needed for an herbarium. The list of needed species is on the www.wnps.org website. Dr. Zeka would like all counties in the state to review the website, and provide more information on County noxious weeds. Wendy wondered if we might create a herbarium for the Kitsap County Noxious Weed Control program. Dana suggested each Board member could provide samples from the districts they represent. Dana stated, the Master Gardener Foundation expressed interest in purchasing a herbarium and that they would be willing to work with the Noxious Weed Control program to collect specimens. If they purchase one, it would be advantageous to have weed samples for display, also.

Joanne stated the Ekosystem training held at Palidin was very informational. Dana stated Arno, Wendy, Toni, Rhiannon----from the County, attended the training. As the training progressed, it was discovered there were a few glitches with how the data reporting system is set-up in comparisons with how we have been collecting data. Tracy, from Palidin will be meeting with Dana in a couple of weeks, to start inputting our information. Dana stated there will be different levels of accessibility. Dana and Toni will have the highest, as they will be the personnel inputting the data. Board members would have access to review data, but will not be able to edit the information.

V. WSU Extension Report:

Dana reported she would reserve the Poplar Room the Eagles's Nest for the Weed Advisor's Program. She has 4-5 people already interested in the training. Dana is currently reviewing the Weed Advisor's curriculum with Arno Bergstrom and Peg Tillery. Dana asked Board members, if anyone would be interested in being a speaker at the training, to please let her know.

Public hearing: Jane requested that the Board move the hearing to adopt the 2006 Kitsap County Noxious Weed Control List forward in the agenda. The Board agreed and the hearing took place at 7:15 pm. Jane motioned to adopt the 2006 Kitsap County Weed Control List as proposed during the January 2006 Board meeting, Joanne seconded the motion and all of the Board members approved. The motion was passed and the 2006 weed list was adopted.

VI. 2006 County Noxious Weed List:

Dana noted that along with the new Class A additions and the Class B designation change for Gorse(the County list is not changed much from 2005. Dana presented 2 Kitsap County Noxious Weed List brochures, one letter size: tri-folded, and one legal size: quad fold. Both have the same information, just a different layout. Dana presented a brochure listing Kitsap County's Dirty Dozen for 2006. The brochure would contain color pictures of the twelve "target" noxious weeds for Kitsap County on one side, and text in black on the other side. Jane recommended we group some weeds by general heading, with species listed next. We would group, "Knotweed", "Knapweed", "Loosestrife", and "Thistle". The Board members recommended we use the legal size brochure for the Kitsap County list, along with the Dirty Dozen brochure. Jane asked the Board continue to be thinking of weeds they might want to see added on to the State Noxious Weed list. Jane noted that she would like to see Yellow Arch Angel listed. Yellow Arch Angel was proposed in 2006 but Jane stated the Washington State Weed Board is not convinced it spreads fast enough to be of concern yet. The state would like documentation from a test spot for future study.

Dana present a "prioritized graph" from Thurston County's Noxious Weed Control program, The graph uses a numerical value to assess weeds and there priority control in Thurston County. She wondered if the Board would like to see some type of graph for Kitsap County Noxious Weeds. She feels that this could assist the public in understating the Weed Control programs priorities.

VII. Annual Report:

Dana presented a few annual reports from other counties in the state, for the Board to review. Dana asked for recommendations from the Board in regards to the type of information that should be represented in the report. Dana referred back to the October 2005 meeting, where she presented a list of accomplishments that she will use as a starting point. Jane stated to include information about what we have accomplished this year, i.e.: hiring a coordinator, educational efforts, public outreach, etc. is important information for the report. Jane also noted that then we could list our goals for 2006. It was mentioned that Dana should include pictures of events where the Noxious Weed Program was involved. Dana would like to see a letter from the Board/ or Board chairperson reporting on how the first year has gone. Jane was not sure about having the letter in the report, but possibly when we send the report to the Kitsap County Commissioners, include a letter from the Board to the commissioners. An executive summary should be at the beginning of the report, along with a mission statement. Joyce wanted to know when the report was due. Dana stated there was no set timeline, but April 2006 would be the earliest she could get it done.

Dana noted that the report would be sent to the County commissioners and Dana would have it posted on the website for the public to view. John and other members mentioned; that we might want to send the report to city mayors, public library, Kitsap County Department of Community Development and Parks & Facilities.

VIII. Site Updates:

a. **Long Lake:** Dana reported the CILL did not receive the remaining \$250,000.00 funding from the State Legislator. The \$750,000.00 will not cover follow-up treatment and monitoring of the lake. Joanne asked if this project has taken more of Dana's time than expected and is the grant being billed for Dana's time? Joyce stated she felt the project was a positive thing for the Noxious Weed Program to be involved in. Dana stated she was asked to write a letter of support for CILL. The letter would support that the additional monies would be advantageous for them, but she would not "ask" for additional monies in the letter. Jane thought it was OK to do the letter. Dana stated there will be public meetings about Long Lake and she would be there just as the Noxious Weed Coordinator, displaying educational materials on noxious weeds.

b. Review and define priority sites 2006

Clear Creek: No report

Anderson Landing: No report

Indianola: Dana is doing educational outreach about English Ivy. She is looking into getting dumpster from Waste Management for the ivy to be disposed in.

Bainbridge Island: Dana noted that she would be attending the Bainbridge home and garden show and will provide minimal amounts of printed materials but will provide on site expertise.

Long Lake: Reported in Site Updates

Bremerton Sites: Joanne reported a growth of English Ivy at one of the city parks, and asked if Dana was aware of the site. Dana noted she was not aware of that particular site

Jane stated if each Board member could possibly give a short report at the Board meetings, this would help keep Dana and the rest of the Board updated on current local projects.

IX. Goal for 2006

Road Surveys: Dana would like each Board member to choose some dates in April and May, to accompany her on road surveys in their districts.

Draft management plans form for County department: No County departments have contacted Dana for help in creating management plans. It was noted that maybe she should put this in the annual report, along with the fact that she has offered her assistance to all County agencies .

Target numbers for education: The Board discussed the “target numbers” for education. Jane stated it is hard to know how many calls you need to receive, just keep track of the contacts and hope it will continue to increase as the public becomes more aware of the Noxious Weed Program.

Nursery Education: Dana plans to continue to visit the local nurseries to educate them on Noxious Weeds. She will distribute the same information she and Peg took to some of the nurseries they visited last fall.

County Noxious Weed Awareness Week: 2006 National Invasive Weed Awareness Week (NIWAW) will be held Feb. 26th –March 6th. Dana would like to see a Noxious Week Awareness Week in Kitsap County, possible in early summer. We could advertise in the local papers, put the information on BKAT, guide weed walks in the County, and possibly present the commissioners with a bouquet of noxious weeds as a kick off to the week. Dana would like to have the commissioners declare the selected week as “County Noxious Weed Awareness Week”. Dana would like the Board to brainstorm about some dates for the awareness week and email them to Dana.

X. Other Items:

Western Washington Coordinators meeting: Dana reported that she attended a meeting Feb. 7th with some coordinators from other Western Counties. They brainstormed about how they could work together better and coordinate weed control along Boarders. The group noted that they would like to compile a list of suggested noxious weeds to submit to the Department of Transportation, for consistency in weed control along state roads.

Dana also noted that a student from University of Washington is working on getting an idea of knotweed infestations in each County. The UW student will send out maps for Dana to pinpoint locations.

Dana will be attending the State Weed Coordinators conference March 15th, 16th, & 17th.

Reschedule March meeting: The March meeting will need to be rescheduled to Thursday, March 30th, due to some Board members and staff not being available on March 16th. Toni will check with Parks & Recreation to reschedule the space.

Joanne wanted to know if we could purchase a weed wrench out of the noxious weed budget. She also wanted to know if we would loan it to the public? Dana noted that we would purchase a weed wrench. She thought we would probably not loan it out to the public due to liability issues. The tool could be used for different projects where she or weed Board members would be Participating. Toni will check on prices and report at the April meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Toni Probert, Program Assistant