

**Kitsap County Noxious Weed Control Board**  
**January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007**  
**7-9:00 P.M.**  
**Poplars Room, Silverdale Community Center**

**Board Members attending:** John Collins, Joanne Weber, Wendy McClure

**Staff Members attending:** Dana Coggon and Toni Probert

Guests: Residents of Central Kitsap Cheryl Lockhart and her Daughter

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

**I. Introductions & Public Comments:**

a. **Citizens had seen in the local paper that there was a meeting for the weed control program and attended the meeting to discuss issues around scotch broom control.**

**II. Adoption of 2007 Kitsap County Noxious Weed List:**

Joanne motioned to approve the 2007 list with the following changes: group the aquatic weeds and thistles. Wendy 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Board approved and the 2007 weed list was adopted

**ACTION ITEM:** Dana will email the finished 2007 brochure to the board members, along with hard copies to Joanne for distribution.

**III. Approval of November 2006 Minutes: The minutes were approved.**

**IV. Announcements & Board Comments:**

Joanne noted that she would like Dana to do more posters for the area. Dana noted that she would also be sending out information to the local landowners again this year. John stated he attended the Noxious Weed Advisor's graduation celebration in January. He noted that the new advisors are enthusiastic and are doing projects for public outreach. Dana announced the Noxious Weed Control Board received the \$500.00 grant from the State for treatment of hogweed. The grant will be used to purchase 2 injection guns and chemical. John stated the Board needs to recommend more ways to sell the noxious weed program to the public. He suggested contacting Garden Clubs, Garden Shows, articles/stories for the newspapers. Dana stated that she has done some garden club presentations and that the Board will be represented at the local Home and Garden show in March. Dana announced the Noxious Weed Control Program will have a feature on the local BKAT TV station sometime this summer thanks to the generosity of the Master Gardener Program.

**ACTION ITEM:** Dana will work on producing more educational articles and events for the public. Toni will get information about the events to the local newspapers.

**V. Annual Report**

a. Dana presented a hard copy Draft of the 2006 Annual Report for the Board to review. John recommended areas not surveyed be highlighted on the map and to clean up the map by removing some of the unnecessary roads. Joanne asked if the Board should do a cover letter.

**ACTION ITEM:** The Board is to return any corrections and recommendations to Dana in a week.

**ACTION ITEM:** Dana will send John a copy of the Board cover letter from 2005. Dana will compose a "Summary" of the Annual Review for the public handouts. A full copy of the report will be available on the website once approved.

**VI. Site Updates:**

- a. **Long Lake:** Next treatment of Alum will be end of February or the first of March. Dana has not worked too many hours on the project the last few months, but that will change as the treatments get closer.
- b. **Bainbridge Island Warriors:** Dana stated there is now a link on the Kitsap County Extension Webpage for the Bainbridge Island Weed Warriors. She also noted that the Weed Warriors are going to be very active in the coming months.
- c. **Bainbridge Island:** The City of Bainbridge Island has been allocated \$35,000.00 for a City knotweed program.

**ACTION ITEM:** John would like Dana to work on an educational display for the ferry terminals.

Dana will create information on noxious aquatic and semi aquatic weeds for Long Lake and Kitsap Lake landowners.

## **VII. Budget:**

- a. **2006 Report:** See attached budget sheets. Dana pointed out that our bottom line as of Jan 17<sup>th</sup> was \$113,372 with \$13,735 of that funding going to long lake treatments. The actual amount that the Board spent during 2006 was \$99,637 and we collected \$102,534 during the year.
- b. **Projections for 2007:** Dana noted that all of the problems have been solved so that we should collect close to about \$103,000 during the 2007 Fiscal year. The Budget for 2007 is approximately \$106,000. Things will be tight and Dana will look for Grants to cover some funding gaps.
- c. **Commissioners:** Dana noted that she has informed the commissioners of the discrepancy in the projected funds for the program and that the commissioners are encouraging the Board to work with the current budget and make the needed cuts.
- d. Noxious Weed Assessment information Dana reported there were no noxious weed fees collected on 3,761 tax accounts for 2005 and 3,372 tax accounts for 2006. She sent a letter to Barbara Stephen; Kitsap County Treasurer, requesting the county collect back fees. Barbara's response was to the effect that the amount the Board would gain is minimal for the amount of work it would take the County to collect it.

**ACTION ITEM:** The Board directed Dana to request that the back assessments be collected on the next tax statements. Dana will contact the Treasurer's office again and get the processes moving.

## **VIII. Other Items:**

- a. **Upcoming events:**
  - Kitsap County Home and Garden Show, March 16<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup>, 2007
  - Noxious Weed Week: August 5<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, with weed walks, presentations to the County Commissioners, Earth Day Events; various locations-April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**ACTION ITEMS:** The Board would like Dana to submit more articles/features on noxious weed events to local newspapers, they would like to have an event calendar on the website. The Board also directed Dana to attend the County Amnesty Days to distribute educational material.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Toni Probert

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