

**Kitsap County Noxious Weed Control Board**  
**March 28, 2007**  
**7-9:00 P.M. Poplars Room**  
**Silverdale Community Center**

**Board Members attending:**

Joyce Komac, John Collins, Wendy McClure, Joanne Weber, Jane Wentworth

**Staff Members Attending:**

Dana Coggon

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

**I. Introductions** – Mike Bohnstedt

- II. Approval of Past Minutes:** The minutes from the January 2006 meeting were approved with minor changes as noted.

**III. Announcements & Public Comments:**

Home & Garden Show – Joanne, Dana and Joyce reported on their experiences at the show. The location of the booth was out of the way and resulted in fewer people visiting. Many who did visit the booth were unaware of our program. It was agreed to have some kind of booth display next year, but not necessarily to staff the booth.

Mike Bohnstedt, a North Kitsap district citizen saw the public meeting notice and came to the meeting to tell the Board about how he has controlled the thistles on his property and about the weeds on adjacent neighbors' properties. Mike inquired about the kinds of notices or information we mail out or give to landowners. Dana reported that a postcard and follow-up letter had been sent. Mike has spoken with his neighbors and will continue to help us out.

The Board discussed changing the color, size of card, or envelope for our notification cards, to improve visibility and their being noticed, as a result of Mike Bohnstedt's suggestion. Dana will arrange to send Mike copies of the meeting minutes and reminded him that our meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every other month (odd months).

The discussion continued about notifying landowners in a way that gets their attention. Ideas included sending letters to neighbors too, using more official looking notices, and getting more neighborhood involvement. Wendy offered to help out with a thistle weed pull in Mike Bohnstedt's neighborhood. Bright colors for the envelopes were suggested. Other suggestions included Dana making personal visit when possible, and to copy the Prosecutor's office on correspondence. At this point it is not feasible to actually enforce on low priority weed cases.

**IV. Budget:**

- a. Dana distributed a budget spreadsheet and reported on the grants recently awarded by the WA State Noxious Weed Control Board (WSNWCB) for the control of Giant hogweed. The first grant is for \$440.00 and needs to be spent by the end of June 2007. The second grant is for \$660.00 and is available beginning July 2007 and through June 2008. The education portion of our proposal did not receive funding; Dana suggested it is still important to have an educational component. All agreed. Copies of the proposal were distributed. Dana presented a cover letter that requested permission to enter property to perform hogweed control work.

- b. The first half of this year's tax bills brought in \$96, 865 from the noxious weed assessment.
- c. We received a \$500 grant from the Master Gardeners to print the Target Weeds Booklet. We did not spend last year's Printing & Binding budget \$2000 . Joanne motioned to allow Dana to use this funding to print 500 of the "Target Weeds" booklet. The motion passed, Dana will add the \$500 from the Master Gardeners to cover the total production cost of \$2500. There was a discussion about who the brochure might be distributed to, e.g., County roads and Cities.

#### **V. Program Coordinator Report:**

Dana reviewed a list of events, including a weed pull by a small community group in Suquamish that had contacted her. Dana will send out a list of the various events.

We now have 4 weed wrenches available from Jennifer Andrea (WSU Extension), plus one of ours. List serve/google group – Dana asked if the Board received the link for the google group. She will re-send it. The group is a forum for comments, is open to the Weed Warriors, Weed Board, Weed Advisors and potentially others. It includes a calendar of events. All are encouraged to utilize it.

Thurston, Pierce and King Counties are putting together a region-wide group knotweed campaign.

Dana will send electronic copies of articles about Kitsap weeds for an electronic newsletter, and requested input for other articles. One weed per month could be highlighted on the events calendar. It was discussed to have a joint article on poison hemlock and hogweed in April.

Joyce reported that WSDOT will be using a dauber(?) to do some weed control on Bainbridge Island this year.

Dana reported on the Weed Science Meetings. There was some interest in doing research on some of our lakes in the future. Dana will provide scanned copies of the abstracts to any interested Board members.

Joyce reported that biological control species for tansy ragwort, poison hemlock and Scot's broom have been ordered for release on Bainbridge Island. Dana suggested contacting Jennifer Andreas, the Westside Biological Controls Coordinator in the future for free biological controls.

#### **VI. Site Updates**

- a. Long Lake – first round of treatments to occur during the week of April 10<sup>th</sup>. The amendment from the Dept. of Ecology was finally received. A letter from DOE was distributed. Dana was approached by a group from Lake Symington, asking her for advice. They may be forming a County Lake Management Group.
- b. Anderson Landing – There was a Scot's broom pull last month. Knotweed will be controlled again this year.
- c. Bainbridge Island Knock out Knotweed – Posters were done for the Home & Garden Show. Posters will also be place in the ferry terminal. Dana and Jane will meet with Deb Rudnick on April 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss the next steps. Dana suggested the Board send a letter to the City of Bainbridge Island and their City Council.
- d. Indianola – Weed control work will be done again this year on both ivy and knotweed. Commissioner Endreson continues to support the weed control efforts in Indianola.

#### **VII. Other Items**

John resumed the discussion about newspaper and other educational articles, the problem is that although articles are sent in, they don't necessarily get printed, e.g., Sun, Herald. There are other avenues such as Homeowners Association, Libraries, and Washington Native Plant Society. John suggested Dana look into who is publishing newsletters. Articles can also be sent to the Kitsap newsletter group, especially if there will be a weed pull with photo opportunities.

Jane asked about the reprints of the Gardenwise Booklets. Dana reported that they have arrived. She will provide an invoice to the Bainbridge Island Land Trust, who went in on the order.

Jane reported on a Biocontrol project on Bainbridge for the control of purple loosestrife and asked for volunteers to help assist with the monitoring. Wendy asked to be notified when a date comes up.

There was a discussion about weed district boundaries. Dana will bring a map to the next board meeting.

Dana reported that the Washington State Department of Agriculture's progress report on knotweed is now available electronically.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jane Wentworth (in the absence of Toni Probert)

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