

Horticultural Inspection Society/Eastern Plant Board Meeting
Jackson, New Hampshire
2 April 2007
Minutes:

Eric Ewing opened meeting at 08:30

Roll Call: (Present) Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Vermont, West Virginia. (ten out of twelve).

Secretary: 2006 minutes sent via email with website. Motion made to accept, 2nd, Passed.

Archivist Report: Old reports present. Some past reports had local accommodations included, which was a plus. Discussion about getting the information scanned and put on computer. Motion made to accept report, 2nd, passed.

Matt Travis reported on the Maryland Emerald Ash Borer Project. The response for help was excellent. Over 100 people helped with this call of help from Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA). The response was a testament on how to deal with regional outbreaks (big and serious). MDA received continuous assistance from many areas. This was an opportunity to train. MDA had problems getting trainable contractuels to work on this problem. The great response from many states helped with this project.

Ethan Angel: Put a resolution before the group that we need to think ahead. For instance: What if someone gets hurt while in another state helping with an outbreak problem; Petty Forms, Administrative Red Tape; Local Human Resource Department concerns. "Some people could not go to Maryland because of their local Human Resource Department concerns or objections."

Newsletter: Pete reported on newsletter. Motion to accept newsletter report, 2nd passed.

Website Committee: Mike Arnold. We are currently in this website for five years. Currently website is up, but can't add to it because of new software problem. The cost is \$20.00 per year. Motion made to accept, 2nd, passed.

Treasurers report: Sara reported an initial balance of \$1,752.35. Income: 133.91, Disbursements: 270.33. Balance \$1,715.93. Current annual dues are \$5.00 per person. Motion to accept report, 2nd, passed.

Old Business: No old business

New Business:

- 1 Carl Carlson Award discussion: Matt Travis will attend National Plant Board Meeting in Wisconsin. The Carl Carlson Award is a service award which rotates through the four regions. It should be awarded in the East this year.

Walt Blosser has been nominated for three years. He should have gotten it this year. Walt's name was not submitted as a nominee and Walt did not write the required letter. Ann Gibbs will receive the award. The award has always been a service award for a plant inspector. Now a SPRO has been nominated. Why was our nominee not put forth? Why weren't we informed. This issue is that the vote was in our hands and removed. Walt said he had submitted a letter for two years. We need to find out where and why & have the letter come from HIS. "We should try to go to the EPB to understand what has happened. Has this decision been removed from our hands." Other HIS chapters submit their respective names to their respective plant boards. Later it was noted that Walt did not want the award, Ann did. It was noted that there was communication between the awards committee in the past. "What kind of documentation is needed for the nomination packet (need to show that the nominee is qualified). There was discussion about this year's nominee. Historically, the award is our nomination, our nominee and went to someone in HIS.

Discussion about historical precedent.

Matt Travis noted changes in ESA regulatory award.

HIS members should talk to their respective SPRO's. We have concerns about the change in the nomination process and we don't know how or why it came about.

2. Discussion about having a national HIS meeting
3. Discussion about sending Mike Arnold to southern chapter HIS meeting.
4. Note: National Plant Board is coming to the East.
5. Eric passed out copies of responses of letters to our resolution to have fed's field test requirements of their actions (i.e. *Phytophthora ramorum* seizure).
6. Matt Travis stated that Tom Kehoe should be nominated for service award.
7. Eric discussed the need for an increase in annual dues. Motion to increase annual dues from \$5.00 to \$10.00 a year, 2nd, passed.
8. Mike Arnold:
 - a. noted new interim rules for *Phytophthora ramorum*.
 - b. Regulated articles exempting firewood..
9. Committee Assignments:
 - a. Awards: Ethan, Galen, Jeff, Eric.
 - b. Resolutions: Ethan, Jeff, Mike A., Matt T., Eric.
 - c. Constitution: Matt T., Mike A., Doug.
 - d. Audit: Doug, Heather, Chris.
 - e. Newsletter: Pete, Eric, Galen
 - f. Program: Matt, Eric, Mike, Pete, Doug, (Thanks to Chris and Doug for this year).
 - g. Nominations: Eric, Pete, Matt.

10. Discussion about term limits.
11. Discussion about having training for recertification credits.
12. Eric noted that there was a meeting with EPB at 13:30. Matt Travis was nominated to be this year's HIS nominee. Motion to accept, 2nd, passed.

State Reports;

Discussion about PCIT, webinars coming soon.

Committee Reports:

1. Program: Preparation has begun for 2008 meeting in West Virginia.
2. Newsletter: Coming soon.
3. Awards: Tom Kehoe nominated for service award. Matt Travis for HIS award. It was noted that we need it to put in writing to EPB awards committee and president. This should be determined in the first hour of the meeting.
4. Constitution: No Changes.
5. Audit: Numbers good. Good job Sarah.
6. Nomination:
 - a. Steve: Archivist
 - b. Pete: Newsletter editor
 - c. Mike Arnold: President
 - d. Ethan: Vice President
 - e. Sarah: Treasurer

Motion to accept reports made, 2nd, passed

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted:

Mark C. Taylor