



YISC Meeting Minutes January 10, 2012

Fish & Wildlife Boardroom, Environment Yukon

Attendees:

Bruce Bennett ENV, Jim Dillabough YAA, Lloyd Freese KNPR, Nathan Millar ENV, Miranda Adam (Little Lady Landscape Design+Drafting), Maureen Huggard Access Consulting, Matt Ball EMR, Chris Toleman HPW, Andrea Altherr coordinator.

Regrets:

Randy Lamb ENV, Cory Chouinard EMR, Ogden Aynslie ECO, Jeanne Burke, Heather Clarke ENV

Chair: Matt Ball

Minutes: Andrea Altherr

1. Round of introductions

Everybody introduced themselves.

2. Changes to the agenda

A Discussion of the changes to the board of directors was added under point 6.

3. Approval of the minutes November meeting

The attendees approved the minutes.

4. Updated list of introduced Yukon plants

The updated list of introduced Yukon plants was presented by Bruce. Bruce used the Alaskan ranking system that gives a structure and a background on the plant. Bruce added new species since 2008 and updated the taxonomy to the North American Standard. The list will be sent around for comments and then posted on the web.

Action: Bruce to send the list to Andrea

5. Planning of the workshop February 2012

Andrea gave a short update on the planning process:

- A planning team has been formed and is active
- The funds through CDF and the City of Whitehorse have been approved. The money will cover project management, the facilitator and advertisement.

- 20 participants have registered so far.

We are still looking for sponsorship for the culinary part of the workshop. Please let info@yukoninvasives.com know if you know of any possible sponsor for a coffee break or part of the lunch. Chris Toleman (Highway & Public Works) was asking for a request letter for sponsorship.

Andrea sent invitations by email to all the First Nations and the RRC. Andrea was asking how she should follow up with the First Nations. The attendees suggested following up by a letter sent by mail.

For the morning session we have one presentation confirmed. Andrea will approach Bob Sharp for a presentation on his work on invasive plants with the Experimental Science classes at Wood Street School (ES program). Andrea approached Maria Leung to ask if she wants to present her aquatic species research presentation. Bruce will follow up with her. Bruce could present on new invaders to Yukon. Other ideas include: A presentation on YISC, a presentation on AKEPIC (Non-Native Plant Species Data Portal of the Alaskan Natural Heritage Program), the updates of the reclamation guidelines, Kristie's presentation on recovery classification in three regions in Yukon, McIntyre Creek sweetclover work by Maureen, or a perspective of the work Environment Canada is involved with.

Participation from partners in Alaska or Northern BC is not confirmed yet.

Action: Bruce to talk to Maria.

Action: Andrea to talk to Toos, Kirstie, Bob Sharp and Saleem to ask for presentations.

Action: All send addresses of people/organizations to invite to Andrea.

6. Directors' update

Bruce informed that he cannot be on the board any longer because of conflict of interest (overlapping mandates). This will apply to Nathan as well.

To be able to function as a board under the societies act, the attending directors appointed Miranda Adam and Maureen Huggard to fill the vacancies in the directors. Both accepted the position. Bruce and Nathan will stay on the council to provide their expertise.

Action: Andrea will be updating the paperwork with Cooperate Services.

Review of action items:

- Matt: There is no update on the planned inter-governmental advisory committee on invasive species; the committee has not been formed yet.

- Signage at the Kathleen River regarding Didymo: Lloyd has provided input and is working together with Oliver Barker.
- Data sharing with neighbouring jurisdictions: Bruce submitted for the second year Yukon data to the Alaskan AKEPIC program. For future collaboration, Bruce could collect and submit all the records provided by Yukoners. You can access AKEPIC: <http://aknhp.uaa.alaska.edu/maps/akepic.php>. All of the Yukon records are listed as “Yukon Territory” under the Project Name.
- Matt asked if there is a need of a Yukon based GIS database? The attendees agreed that at the moment Yukon could feed into the Alaskan Program. Matt informed that agriculture has a mapping technician but her time schedule is very tight at the moment!
- Lloyd, Matt and Chris started the conversation about controlling priority species in the highway corridor. Yukon will have to apply for several permits in order to do any chemical treatment.

Action: Matt will look into the permitting requirements.

Priority species to target will be: Creeping thistle (number one), meadow hawkweed (number two) and perennial sow-thistle (number three).

7. Coordinator’s update

A National Invasive Alien Species Forum will be held in Ottawa end of February 2012. The traveling and accommodation cost will be covered by the National Invasive Species Working Group. The attendees felt that Andrea should represent YISC at the forum.

8. Round Table

Nathan informed that the sign informing of the transportation and spread of aquatic invasive species at Tutshi Lake is installed. The National Aquatics Group is in contact with the Canadian Border Agency for training of the officers at the border. In Alaska Tammy Davis is in charge of training the border officers.

Meeting room: Matt offered to book a room at the Elijah Smith Building.

Jim suggested moving the meetings back to the afternoon.

9. Next meeting

March 13, 2012 from 3 - 4:30Pm at the Elijah Smith Building.

Meeting adjourned: 12:50 pm