

Ontario Invasive Plant Council
September 16th, 2014
Peterborough Golf and Country Club
4:30pm – 5:00

Summary Notes

Board Members Attending:

Iola Price, President & Member at Large
Ken Towle, Vice-President & Conservation Ontario
Owen Williams, Past President & Member at Large
David Coplestone, OMNRF – Biodiversity Branch
Michael Irvine, OMNRF – Forest Health and Silviculture
John Benham, Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association/ Wellington County
Dave d’Entremont, Royal Botanical Garden
Karen Hartley, OMNRF – Parks
David Ryrie, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters
Dawn Sucee, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters

OIPC Members Attending:

Diane LeHouillier – CP Rail
Prabir Roy, Parks Canada
Diana Shermet, Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority
Stephen Smith, Urban Forest Associates
Bill McIlveen
Katherine Culbert, Royal Botanical Gardens
Heather Wilter, Royal Botanical Gardens

Chad Horton,
Dan Gregory, Plant Ecologist
Mary Millany, Loretta Maryholme
Jonathan Harris, Dillon Consulting Ltd.
Paula Davies, Todmorden Mills Wildflower Preserve
Anne Mary Roussy
Kellie Sherman, OIPC staff
Rachel Gagnon, OIPC staff

Board Member Regrets

Mary Gordon, Hydro One
Larry McDermott, Plenty Canada
Hugh Berges, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
Jennifer Gibb, City of Toronto
Andrew Pitek, Forests Ontario
Diana Mooij, Canadian Food Inspection Agency
Dan Kraus, Nature Conservancy of Canada
Suzanne Hanna, Ontario Horticultural Association
Jeanine West, Landscape Ontario
John Urquhart, Ontario Nature
Paula Berketo, Ministry of Transportation
Sandy Smith, University of Toronto

Agenda items

- Approve OIPC Constitution and Bylaws
- OIPC Committees
- Invasive Species Act
- Members at large
- Website
- Funding Sources
- Open floor

1. OIPC Constitution and Bylaws.

Constitution and bylaws were handed out to OIPC members prior to the meeting, Lola began the meeting by reading through and explaining them in order to have them approved by the members.

- Dawn motioned to adopt the bylaws and it was seconded.
- Vote : all in favour, 0 against
- Resolved: motion passed; OIPC bylaws have been adopted.

ACTION: Bylaws will be posted to the website. (Rachel)

2. Rejuvenating the committee

It was discussed that some of the committees have been dormant for some time and therefore if anyone is interested in joining a committee to please contact Rachel@oninvasives.ca
Prabir Roy is interested in the research and committee
David Ryrie is interested in the website committee.

3. Invasive Species Act

OIPC would like to submit comments to the EBR for the invasive Species act in the future, and therefore if anyone would like to help with comments please contact Rachel@oninvasives.ca

4. Members at Large

New members: we will be calling for people to nominate themselves as member at large. If you are interested please contact Rachel, we would be happy to send out information of what is involved in being a member at large ie. Time commitments.

We should look into creating a short list of people to contact that we are missing. Where are the gaps in the membership and board members?

OVMA has created a subcommittee to draw new membership; they have sought out key individuals and sectors and found key people. OIPC and OVMA should be in contact as they have similar mandates on invasive plants. OIPC to reach out to Chad Horton, to use as a resource for synergy.

5. Website

OIPC would like to update and make the site more user friendly. Please let Rachel know what changes need to be made.

Action: Rachel to send David Copplestone the site plan of the website.

6. Funding Sources:

We are looking for new funding sources, if anyone has ideas for OIPC: to partner with OIPC or ideas of projects OIPC should do, please contact Rachel@oninvasives.ca

7. Open floor

Question from the floor: Do we have any affiliation with ISRI or ISC? Yes ISC has funded a number of projects that OIPC including the BMPs and we work closely with Pedro Antunes (Scientific Director with ISRI), who sits on the Research & Control Committee .