

# 1-15-17 Agenda for SGH Leadership Team Meeting

## BOARD MATTERS

- \* THANKS for an outstanding 2016 year!
- \* Commitment to serve throughout calendar 2017
- \* Signing of annual acknowledgment statement
- \* Recap of reorganization decisions taken at 10-23-16 meeting
- \* Approval of updated Bylaws

## REVIEW OF 2016 STRATEGIES & ACTIVITIES

- \* Progress report as of 11-30-16
- \* Recap of trees treated as of 11-30-16
- \* Discussion of any unfinished business to be carried forward
- \* Use of Quarterly Activity Report form

## REVIEW OF 2016 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- \* Financial summary for FY 2016, including recap of costs for special projects
- \* Budget vs actual for FY 2016
- \* Status of grants and dedicated funds as of 11-30-16
- \* Results of 2015-2016 year-end appeal response

## 2017 STRATEGIES & ACTIVITIES

- \* Intro to 2017 Strategy Plan
- \* Calendar of Events for 2017 (as known so far)
- \* Plans for implementation/coordination of distributed responsibilities

## Education

- \* Combined Hemlock Help Clinics & Facilitator Training Workshops – documents re preparation/conduct; schedule to begin in mid-February
- \* Community programs & youth programs
- \* Fairs & festivals – see Calendar of Events
- \* Citizen science
  - creation of biocontrol educational materials
  - new opportunity presented by Dr. Jean Williams-Woodward re *Rosellinia* needle blight

## Public Communications

- \* Web site, Facebook, and YouTube
- \* Print and broadcast media
- \* Signage, SGH logo safety vests, storefront posters
- \* Other materials needed?

## Service

- \* Facilitator and Lead Facilitator recruitment, training, and participation
- \* Hemlock treatment projects – USFS, DNR, Rabun County, Laurel Ridge, other – documents re preparation/conduct; schedule to begin in March
- \* Availability of treatment products, distribution of chemical instruction tear sheets, soil injectors repair capabilities, acquisition of used injectors, update on EZject and Njekt injectors
- \* Biocontrol support – acquisition of knowledge/experience concerning adelgid life cycle, beetle life cycle and rearing protocols, field insectaries and release sites, as well as the activities and needs of our public land managers and research entities. Announcement re new UNG beetle lab coordinator; article in 1/12/17 *Dahlongega Nugget*.
- \* Update on USFS Foothills Landscape Collaboration

## Saplings

- \* Documents re preparation/conduct
- \* Schedule of need for saplings for adoption and donation
- \* Sites for rescue & potting, status of USFS digging permit
- \* Hemlock reforestation along trout streams – especially in western counties



- \* Hemlock field insectaries – augmentation of existing ones, creation of new ones
- \* Distributed sapling nurseries? USFS cooperator for hybrid Carolina hemlocks?

**Membership/Partnership**

- \* Recruitment and engagement of volunteers & members, especially youth groups
- \* Outreach/partnerships with other environmental and recreational nonprofits, industry groups, local municipalities, property owner associations and community/civic organizations, educational entities – make a list???

**Hemlock Camp Meeting / Annual Meeting**

- \* **Date & time:** Sunday, June 25, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- \* **Place:** ETC Pavilion on Legion Rd. in Ellijay
- \* **Review** of suggestions made after HCM 2016
- \* **Food:**
- \* **Band:**
- \* **Keynote speaker:**
- \* **Friends Circle:**
- \* **Activities:**
- \* **Other features:**
- \* **Publicity, invitations, registrations, memberships:**

**2017 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- \* Annual membership appeal – need everyone’s lists for cross-checking; Dave to provide letter; mail-out to begin Feb 1 just ahead of Arbor Day in Georgia
- \* Proposed budget for FY 2017
- \* Financial assistance to new pesticide applicators?
- \* Other fund raising and grants

**TO-DO LIST**

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**2017 MEETING DATES**

- \* April 9 (second Sunday)
- \* July 16 (third Sunday)
- \* October 15 (third Sunday)