

# Meeting Agenda for 7/7/21 SGH Leadership Team Meeting

## BOARD MATTERS

- \* **How's everybody doing? Any support needed?**
- \* **Introduction of Betty Larsen, Holly Cochran, and Brianna Ross**
- \* **Update to Bylaws**
  - **Roles of Board Members** – Updated to describe current responsibilities. See pages 3 – 6.
  - **Contributions & Expenditures** – Updated to increase single transaction limit to \$500 and add info on accounting practices in compliance with IRS rules. See pages 8 – 9.
  - **Use of SGH interns and professional service providers** – Updated to allow contracting with one or more interns to perform a variety of support and leadership functions and to allow contracting with one or more professionals to perform certain project-related services. See page 9.

## ACTIVITY REVIEW Q2 2021

### \* **Progress Report as of 6/30/21 -- DRAFT**

- All 19 HWA-infested Georgia counties in native hemlock range now served by our Hemlock Help Program.
  - **Hemlock Help Line** available 7 days a week with 680 calls handled.
  - **8 Facilitator Training Workshops** with total of 25 new Facilitators trained.  
Total active Facilitators = 426 in Georgia and 90 in other states.
  - **2 Hemlock Lessons** for 24 youth & adults:
  - **4 customized training sessions** for 9 volunteers and public land managers:
  - **6 articles / news items written** by, with the assistance of, or about SGH published in newspapers/magazines.
  - **43 Facilitator visits** made with charitable treatment of 123 trees.
  - **8 hemlock treatment projects** with 55 volunteers treating/retreating 908 trees:
  - **10 hemlock rescue projects** with 19 volunteers, 365 saplings rescued and potted for use in educational / service activities or future adoption:
  - **139 hemlock saplings adopted:**
  - **129 hemlock saplings donated** to schools, churches, nonprofits:
  - **7 hemlock sapling planting projects** with 72 volunteers planting 99 saplings and 40 other trees/shrubs:
  - **10 Kioritz soil injectors** repaired/refurbished
  - Total of 2,233 **volunteer hours** logged.
- ### \* **Report on Brianna's Activities**
- Updating our Contacts and Membership database
  - Writing articles for the newspapers and our newsletter
  - Creating a best-of-the-best library of SGH photos taken over the years
  - Searching the Internet for valid, helpful hemlock-related YouTube videos
  - Creating 3 new instructional YouTube videos on sapling rescue, potting, and planting (in process)
  - Recruiting volunteers for and participating in sapling rescue projects



**FINANCIAL REVIEW Q2 2021**

**\* Financial Summary as of 6/30/21**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>Contrib Indiv</b>	<b>Contrib Member</b>	<b>Contrib Found</b>	<b>Contrib Non Profit</b>	<b>Contrib In Kind Goods</b>	<b>Contrib In Kind Svc</b>	<b>Contrib Corp</b>	<b>Gov Reimb</b>
<b>2021 Inc by Source</b>	\$421.00	\$22,631.78	\$1,463.83	\$250.00	\$1,164.75	\$720.00	\$1,217.15	\$58.20
<b>2021 Inc by Percentage</b>	1.51%	81.04%	5.24%	0.90%	4.17%	2.58%	4.36%	0.21%
<b>2021 Total Income</b>	<b>\$27,926.71</b>							

<b>EXPENSE</b>	<b>11 Educ Hemlock Clinics</b>	<b>12 Educ FacTrng</b>	<b>13 Educ Comm Progs</b>	<b>16 Public Comm</b>	<b>14 Saplings</b>	<b>15 Treatment</b>	<b>51 Gen Admin</b>	<b>52 Memb &amp; Fund Raising</b>
<b>2021 Exp by Category</b>	\$0.00	\$787.76	\$2,034.51	\$4,364.91	\$3,506.21	\$4,346.21	\$1,591.15	\$946.88
<b>2021 Exp by Percentage</b>	0.00%	4.48%	11.57%	24.83%	19.95%	24.73%	9.05%	5.39%
<b>2021 Total Expense</b>	<b>\$17,577.63</b>							

\* **Spending Ratio as of 6/30/21:** 40.89% Education, 44.67% Charitable Service, 14.44% Admin

\* **Current Ckg Acct Bal as of 6/30/21:** \$65,782.58

\* **Report on annual membership appeal** as of 6/30/21 – 113 donations totaling \$13,860.

\* **Other grants and dedicated funds on hand:**

- Lake Burton (Pattillo) \$5,000
- Lake Burton Civic Assoc \$1,000
- Lake Rabun Foundation \$1,000
- Laurel Ridge \$391

**UPCOMING TREATMENT PROJECTS IN Q3 & Q4 2021**

\* **USFS hemlock treatment projects**

CHATOOGA RIVER RANGER DISTRICT – **Jon & Bob**

Sun 7/18 Upper Chattahoochee River Campground (HCA 59) in Towns County

Sat 10/23 Wildcat Creek Recreation Area (HCA 600)

Sign up through Jon Jones, jdjones611@gmail.com, 910-987-0306.

BLUE RIDGE RANGER DISTRICT – **Jim W.**

Sat 7/24 Mulky Creek (HCA 75)

Sat 8/7 Swallows Creek HCA 42 & Falls Branch (HCA 122)

Sat 8/21 Cooper Creek HCA 74

Sign up through Jim Wentworth, wentwrth@windstream.net, 706-745-2557 or 706-897-0645.

\* **GATC hemlock treatment projects on Appalachian Trail -- Donna**

Wed 7/21 North side of Justus Creek (HCA 505) and along old AT route.

Wed 8/4 South side of Justus Creek(HCA 505).

Wed 8/18 Dockery Lake south (HCA 501) and Dockery Lake north (HCA 500).

Wed 8/25 Plum Orchard Gap (HCA 507) south to Bull Gap.

Sun 8/29 Jacks Knob Trail (HCA 503).

Wed 9/8 Blue Ridge Swag (HCA 508)

Sun 9/12 Popular Stump section (HCA 502) and Sapling Gap area (HCA 504).

Sign up through Pete Buak, peterbuak@gmail.com, 706-968-8979.

\* **DNR hemlock treatment projects – Jimmy Stewart**

CLOUDLAND CANYON in Dade County

Various days during the weeks of July 6-9, and July 19-23

Note: Some of the terrain is difficult.

Sign up through Jimmy Stewart, jbs@tvn.net, 423-413-6420.

## UPCOMING SAPLINGS PROJECTS IN Q3 & Q4 2021

- \* **Sapling nurseries** – **Chris and Buz**, what’s the current inventory for saplings?
- \* **Sapling rescues/potting** -- **Chris and Buz**, what rescue potting / projects do you have coming up?
- \* **Sapling adoptions** – **Chris and Buz**, do you have any money or adoption forms that need to be forwarded to Donna?
- \* **Hemlock restoration**
  - Tbd – Toccoa Bend with TU Blue Ridge, in coordination with **Carl Riggs and Jim Reich**
  - Tbd – University of North Georgia, in coordination with **Stacie James**
  - Tbd – City of Dahlonega, in coordination with MG **Elaine Davis**
  - Tbd – with TU Savannah River, in coordination with **John Shearouse**
- \* **Other sapling planting**
  - Memorial garden in Suches
  - Memorial garden in Cleveland

## UPCOMING EDUCATION IN Q3 & Q4 2021

### \* **Facilitator Training schedule** – via ZOOM or FreeConferenceCall

Rabun, Towns & Habersham	Sat., July 17	<b>Donna</b>
Fannin, Gilmer & White	Fri., Aug. 27	<b>Derrick</b>
Gordon & Pickens	Sat., Sept. 18	<b>Donna</b>
Union, Lumpkin & Hall	Fri., Sept. 24	<b>Derrick</b>
Fannin, Gilmer & Towns	Sat., Oct. 16	<b>Donna</b>

### \* **Fairs & festivals (if we’re able to participate)**

LRA Labor Day Meeting	Sun., Sept. 5	Lakemont	<b>Buz to book</b>
Trail Fest	Sat., Sept 11 & Sun., Sept. 12	Dahlonega	<b>Betty to book</b>
Foxfire Mountaineer Festival	Sat., Oct. 2	Clayton	<b>Buz to book</b>
Marble Festival	Sat., Oct. 2 & Sun Oct. 3	Jasper	<b>Jim H. to book</b>
Georgia Mountains Beer Fest	Sat., Oct 16	Jasper	<b>Betty to book</b>
Hornaday Weekend	Fri., Nov. 12 – Sun., Nov. 14	Blairsville	???

### \* **Public Communications** – **Dave & Brianna**

- Signage
- Presentation / materials targeted to Atlanta audience
- YouTube videos for sapling rescue, potting, and planting
- YouTube videos for hemlock treatment by 5 application methods

## FOLLOW-UP FROM 4/26/21 MEETING

**Todd** was asked to begin updating our QuickBooks records.

**Donna** has ordered the study materials for **Jim and Jon** so they can prepare to take the exam and acquire the necessary license; cost to be paid by SGH.

**Buz** was asked to secure Ga Power’s permission to treat trees on Lake Burton properties not leased by individuals.

Then **Buz, Jon, Jody, and Chad Godhard** were asked to scope the project to plan either SGH treatment or bidding out to a professional.

**Buz** was asked to follow up with Foxfire and the Boy Scouts to make plans for this retreatment.

**Bob and Buz** were asked to follow up with Alan Barnes and make plans to carry forward the YMCA Camp High Harbour retreatment.

**Chris** was asked to check with Christy Jellets & Ryan Kennedy to determine if Project Chimps wants our help to do a treatment project.

**Dave** was asked to make arrangements for scoping this project (which is actually a continuation of one started in 2012) to plan either SGH treatment or bidding out to a professional. The requested time frame is this summer.

**Jim Wentworth** and **Dave Teffeteller** offered to help prepare the bid documents for the Lake Burton and Cartecay projects that MIGHT need to be bid out to professionals.

**Chris** was asked with Christy Jellets and Ryan Kennedy to determine if they want our help on this. If so, the time frame will be this fall.

**Donna** was asked to get an estimate for the manufacture of two Kioritz injector parts. The estimate was approved and 6 each are in process of being made.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

\* **Paddlers for Hemlocks???**

\* **Annual Hike & Help the Hemlocks???**

\* **Hemlock Camp Meeting / Annual Meeting???**

## **FUTURE 2021 MEETING DATES**

Wednesday, October 13 from 7 to 9 p.m.