

# 1-8-2023 SGH LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING AGENDA

Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 8, 2023 starting at 1:00pm at Dahlonega Chamber of Commerce. All Board Members, Officers, and Program Managers and Lead Facilitators are invited.

## **Board Matters:**

- Review of SGH Bylaws as amended 10/16/22
- Status of Executive Director transition
- Additional Board Matters?

## **Review of 2022 Strategies and Activities:**

- Final Progress Report
- Annual USFS Summary Reports

## **Review of 2022 Financial Matters:**

- Final Financial Summary,-status of grants and dedicated funds, and results of 2022 annual appeal
- Report on 2022 Actual vs. Budget
- Donor List for 2022-CONFIDENTIAL

## **2023 Activities:**

- County Business License- Renewed 1/3/22
- Corporate registration with GA SOS- Renewed 1/3/22
- Live Plant License- Renewed 1/3/22
- Major goals for 2023- To be determined during meeting,- emphasis on continuing to build leadership team, increase participation in Help Clinic, membership recruitment
- Draft Calendar of Events for 2023 (so far)

## **Treatment Projects:**

- **USFS-** Planning meeting February 2<sup>nd</sup> to finalize treatment schedule on Blue Ridge RD and Chattooga River RD. Potential treatments on Conasauga to be coordinated with Jeff Gardner
- **Other-**Bill Cox and Boy Scout group hope to treat at Cliff Creek, Daniel Creek, or Camp Creek sometime in February (weekend of 2/18/22)
- **DNR-** Cartecay?
- **Laurel Ridge**

### Sapling Program:

- **Nurseries-** How many trees on hand as of year end?
- **Needs for 2023-**est 250 for private adoption, 300 for festivals, 100 for hemlock restoration or insectary planting.
- **Sapling Rescues-** Hope to pursue digs on land slated for development. If you are aware of proposed development on land with hemlock trees in your county, please reach out to Holly.
- **Hemlock restoration-** 50 saplings from Brevard to be planted on Billy Goat Island in final phase of Rabun County private donation
- **Other sapling planting**

### Service/other

- Injector repair- Jim, Jon and Holly trained
- Need to identify and train main injector repair person
- 5 injectors in need of repair currently
- Chemicals to share

### Education Program:

- SGH received approval from GA Dept of Agriculture 11/17/20 to provide professional credits in 2022. Discussion on status of this approval/potentially marketing to GA Arborist Association, ideas for other organizations that would benefit from this service.
- Goal number of new facilitators in 2023
- Goal number of new members in 2023
- Proposed outreach groups for 2023

### Scheduled Educational Events

2/7/23	Redbud Project		Presentation
3/9/23	PEAKS Program at UNG		Presentation
3/15 & 3/16	Fannin Middle		Hemlock Lesson & treatment project
4/1/23	Lula Lake Land Trust		Treatment training

### Fairs and Festivals:

Bear-on-the-Square	Sat., Apr. 15 & Sun., Apr. 16	Dahlonega
Trout & Outdoor Adventures	Sat., Apr. 29	Blue Ridge
UNG Earth Day	Wed., Apr. 19	Gainesville
Blue Ridge Arts in the Park	Sat., May 27 & Sun., May 28	Blue Ridge

LRA Memorial Day Meeting	Sun., May 28	Lakemont
Blairsville Farmers Market	June (exact date TBD in March)	Blairsville
Canton Farmers Market	June/July	Canton
LRA Labor Day Meeting	Sun., Sept. 3	Lakemont
Trail Fest	TBD (Sept. 16?)	Dahlonega
Foxfire Mountaineer Festival	TBD (Oct 7?)	Clayton
Marble Festival	TBD (Oct 7 & 8?)	Jasper
Georgia Mountains Beer Fest	DISCONTINUED? ?	Ball Ground
Boy Scouts Conservation Weekend	TBD (Nov 11?)	Blairsville

- Volunteer recruitment for festivals to begin late January/early February. Goal to have volunteer commitment one month prior to festival.
- Follow up of new materials ordered (4 full festival sets)

#### **Public Communications:**

- Web Site
- Social Media
- Handout highlighting cost of removing dead trees vs cost of treating as discussed in October meeting.
- Articles needed for newspapers and other organizations' newsletters
- Media piece for Scouts?
- Signage-Lee Newton Park in Jasper
- YouTube videos for sapling potting and different treatment methods

#### **2023 Financial Matters**

- Proposed budget for 2023
- Review of Scholarships/Grants
- Annual Membership Appeal: Preparation considerations. Set date for membership appeal letters to be turned in for cross matching. Set mail out date.

#### **Future 2023 Meeting Dates:**

- Sunday April 9, 2023
- Sunday July 16, 2023
- Sunday, October 15 or 29 to avoid Gold Rush