



Save Georgia's Hemlocks

7/8/11 Agenda for Board Meeting (10 a.m. to Noon)

Board matters –

- * Confirmation of continuing Board Members/Officers – Chairman Donna Shearer, Vice Chairman Bob Pledger, Board Members Dave Teffeteller, Frank Gheesling, and Bruce Granger.
- * Thanks to departing Board Member Doug Richey and Treasurer Bonnie Mandel.
- * Nomination/confirmation of new Secretary – Susan Chapman of Habersham County.
- * Nomination/confirmation of Buz Stone as new Board Member. Search for one more Board Member and a Treasurer.

Strategies and other activities –

- * Progress report of accomplishments through end of 2nd quarter 2012.
- * Discussion of plans for accomplishing outstanding strategy items.
- * Presentations to community groups: POAs, Boards of Realtors, Master Gardeners, Master Naturalists, SORBA, schools, others?
- * Participation in future events:

Date	Event	Where	Who
7/10	Brief SGH presentation to Sky Valley POA Board	Rabun County	Bob, Donna
7/18	SGH presentation to Sky Valley POA membership	Rabun County	Bob, Donna
9/2	Lake Rabun Association Labor Day Meeting	Lakemont	Bob, Donna
9/5	Private Landowners HWA Workshop	Tennessee	Donna
9/2 9 a.m.	SGH fall board meeting	Fannin County	All
9/29 10 a.m.	Hike & Help for the Hemlocks, Three Forks / Long Creek Falls / Stover Creek	Fannin County	All
10/6	Foxfire Mountaineer Festival in Clayton	Clayton	2 helpers
10/13 & 10/14	Apple Festival in Ellijay	Ellijay	10 helpers
tbd in November	USFS treatment project	Helton Creek HCA?	All

- * Joint projects with USFS, DNR Wildlife, TU, scouts, BMTA, GOU, others?
- * Injector repair for SGH, GFC, and possibly others.
- * Continued consideration of stipend agreement for new pesticide professionals.
- * Printed materials: new rack cards, freestanding banners, tabletop posters, article in *Cabin & Cove* magazine; hanging posters, volunteer brochure, real estate brochure in near future; others?
- * Web site:
 - Chemical Controls page – new list of economical liquid Imidacloprid products.
 - Product Labels & MSDS page – addition of liquid Imidacloprid products.
 - Hemlock Help page – new maps of HWA spread and SGH program counties.
 - Contacts page – restored list of qualified professionals.

- Resources page – updated Hemlock FAQs, Info for Property Owners, Program Description, Quick Reference Dosing Card, Chemical-Contacts-Sources, Helping on Public Lands, Neighborhood Hemlock Help Planning Guide, Facilitator Job Description; new Introduction to Treating Hemlocks to be used with new Application Instructions for each type of product and each application method.
- Facilitators page – updated Facilitator Contact Lists, Letter to Retailers, Maintaining a Kioritz Soil Injector; new Becoming a Pesticide Professional, Caution Sign, Chemical Calculator, Facilitator Visit Checklist, Quick Reference Infestation Card, Volunteer Project Report, set of Application Instructions for Facilitators.

Planning for Hike and Help for the Hemlocks –

- * Date is Saturday, September 29. Will advertise heavily in advance.
- * Location will be Three Forks / Long Creek Falls / Stover Creek area. Bruce will lead an advance scouting trip.
- * Will need treatment teams with leaders and will encourage new Facilitators to participate. Will also need hike leaders.
- * We'll provide injectors, work kits and supplies; USFS will provide leadership for treatment teams and chemicals.
- * Will need to arrange for porta-john and wash station.

Budget –

- * Report on financial condition through end of 2nd quarter 2012.
- * Unexpected gift from Lake Rabun Fund, thanks to Buz.
- * Funding for Cartecay WMA project if approved.
- * Possible grant from Nature Conservancy.
- * Authorized signatories for checking account. Change Bylaws to require only one signature on checks.
- * Discussion of any adjustments needed to budget based on above decisions.

Next Board Meeting –

Saturday, September 29 at 9 a.m. immediately before our Hike and Help for the Hemlocks.