

North Dakota Urban and Community Forestry Association

Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2013

Ramada Plaza Suites, Fargo, ND

The meeting was called to order by President Yvette Gehrke, with a welcome and review of the agenda. Fifteen members were present.

Secretary Report: Bartels

Minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurers Report: Wallevand

Approved as presented

Audit Report: Wallevand

The treasurer's books were audited and found to be in order. Joel Nichols moved to approve the report. Motion carried.

ND Community Forestry Council Update: Nichols for Haberman

Communities are encouraged to develop EAB Contingency Plans. Grant funds are available for these and other EAB activities. A new grant sign up will be this spring. The end date will be in April 2013 with an August 2014 completion date.

South Dakota Arborist Association: Liudahl

A joint workshop is tentatively scheduled for April 10-11, 2013.

Annual conference Update: Liudahl

There were 137 registered for the 2013 conference. The 2014 Conference will be January 26-29, 2014. It will tentatively be held at the Ramada Plaza Suites. The Fargo Civic was considered but was booked. A list of topics for conferences was handed out. The Planning Committee uses this to find topics and speakers. Some suggestions from the group were How to Communicate with Nurserymen to Get desired Species, Working with Community Leaders, Tree Inventories-New

Technology, Plant Healthcare for landscapers, and Using Windbreaks in Communities.

Budget Committee: Lee

Discussion of budget handout

Certified Arborist Exam: Liudahl

An update of the test numbers was given. Liudahl received a test preparation survey back and the results were positive. The preparation sessions are being planned.

ND Department of Agriculture Report/Update: Carrie Larson

393 EAB traps were placed last year. The sites were based on where ash could be rather than where they are. This year more places such as campgrounds were added, but no cities. 526 traps have been ordered (130 are extras), but sites have been eliminated. So far there are 484 sites left. If cities would like to trap they should contact Carrie. There were also Japanese Beetle traps available at the Dept. booth at the conference.

Grants for NDUCEFA: Gehrke

We have been looking for grants using our 501c3. If anyone hears of an appropriate grant let one of the officers know.

Exemplary Leadership Practices: Liudahl

Liudahl led the group in a brainstorming exercise. 4 of the keys to leadership are:

1. Model the way
2. Inspire a shared vision
3. Challenge the process
4. Enable others to act
5. Encourage the heart

Promotional items: Liudahl

Some promotion ideas were brought to the group and suggestions taken. The committee will continue to explore this.

Web team report: Peske

A summary of web activity was handed out. Pay Pal has also been added to the site to take payments.

Five year Strategic Plan: Bird

Bird lead the group through a strategic planning exercise. The ideas will be compiled and a plan developed by the Executive Board. This will be presented at the fall members meeting.

Next meeting: to be determined at a date in the spring

Meeting was adjourned