

# 4-8-18 Agenda for SGH Leadership Team Meeting

## **BOARD MATTERS**

- \* THANKS for a good first quarter!
- \* Signing of Annual Acknowledgment by Board members, officers, and program managers who were absent 1/21/18.

## **2018 STRATEGIES & ACTIVITIES**

- \* Progress report as of 4/1/18
- \* Calendar of Events for 2018 (known so far)

### **Education**

- \* Report on classes & presentations to date – see Progress Report
- \* Upcoming Clinic/Fac classes – see Calendar
- \* Upcoming presentations – see Calendar plus 1 for Hike Inn to be scheduled
- \* Upcoming festivals – see Calendar

### **Public Communications**

- \* Publicity re events to date
- \* Awareness postcards
- \* Rack cards
- \* Smithgall Woods hemlock video & signage
- \* Other signage – Bleckley hemlocks, Foxfire, UNG beetle lab
- \* Web site and email transitioning to new host

### **Treatment**

- \* Report on projects to date – see Progress Report
- \* Upcoming treatment projects – see Calendar
- \* Treatment projects to be scheduled:
  - USFS Blue Ridge & Conasauga Districts (FRANK)
  - Nature Conservancy at Holly Creek Preserve (FRANK)
  - Cartecay Tract continuation (DAVE, FRANK, CHRIS) – What is advice on if/when to restart project, chemicals on hand, avoidance of any beetle release areas, use of Aerial Perspective drone service, help from Mountain Stewards?
  - DNR Unicoi State Park (BOB)
  - YMCA Camp High Harbour in Clayton (BOB)
  - Hambidge Center ??? (BOB)
- \* Eagle Scout projects
- \* SGH-BMTA Hike & Help the Hemlocks
- \* Injectors repairs and parts
- \* Chemical costs for reimbursement purposes: Safari @ \$6.56/oz, Imid 2F @ \$0.75/oz, Imid 75 @ \$10/pkt.

### **Saplings**

- \* Report on sapling rescues to date & saplings on hand – see Progress Report
- \* Upcoming sapling projects
  - Deb Gable, 320 Gold Springs Rd., Cherry Log
  - Mike Smith, 2068 Pleasant Hill Rd., Ellijay
  - Stacy Morgan, 423 Fischer Trail, Ellijay (also Nancy Sauls & Jim Moore)
  - Harris Gottlieb, 677 Riverfront Dr., Ellijay
  - Betty Florence, 587 White Pine Trail, Dahlonega
  - Ralph & Alice Carey, 704 Woodland, Sautee-Nacoochee
- \* Hemlock restoration on trout streams
- \* Carolina hemlocks

### **Hemlock Camp Meeting / Annual Meeting**

- \* Date & time – Sunday, June 24, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- \* Place – The large lakeside pavilion at Lake Winfield Scott, Suches has been reserved & paid. DONNA will arrange to have parking/entrance fees waived for attendees.
- \* Food – Meat will be catered by Smokin' Gold BBQ, drinks and service items to be provided by SGH, potluck sides brought by everyone
- \* Music – CHRIS has booked Ed Dowling, acoustic guitarist. She will check on sound system.

- \* Keynote speaker – Dr. Ben Smith of N. C. State will bring us a message on genetic conservation / resistance; “The quest for adelgid-resistant hemlocks.” DONNA will arrange for overnight accommodations for Ben and his family on Saturday night. DONNA will check on electrical outlets, projector performance, and larger screen.
- \* Friends Circle – Rather than a formal Friends Circle, groups and individuals will be invited to bring any conservation-themed educational/publicity materials they want to share and can put them on tables/benches around the pavilion.
- \* Activities ???– Ideas could include hiking, fishing, canoeing, demo of sapling potting and/or planting, other; however, there may not be time for much other than lunch and speaker.
- \* Publicity, invitations – DONNA has sent out a Save the Date email to all our email lists. DAVE is preparing the flyer/poster. We will coordinate additional publicity through Facebook, newspapers and postings through partner organizations and public agencies.
- \* Volunteers – KIM & DONNA will recruit volunteers for various jobs. ELLIOTT, can we also recruit volunteers from Boy Scouts?
- \* Registrations, memberships – Reservations are requested for planning purposes, but we will not turn away any unregistered guests. KIM will handle registrations and confirmations (including window passes for free entrance). Cost will be a flat \$5 per person, regardless of membership status, payable at the event; however, we will still place emphasis on new and renewing memberships during the event.
- \* Other features ???– hemlock-related arts and crafts, lots more raffle items (hopefully donated), open to ideas

### **2018 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- ✓\* Financial summary as of 3/31/18
- ✓\* Report on 2018 annual appeal as of 4/6/18      ALL need to redirect returned letters.
- ✓\* Report on pendants sold as of 3/31/18
- ✓\* Status of grants as of 3/31/18
- \* Annual tax filing (in process – will circulate before April 15)

### **2018 MEETING DATES**

- \* Sunday, July 15 and November 4

### **RETIREMENT PARTY FOR JIM WENTWORTH**

Friday, April 27. RSVP to Sherry Payne 706-745-6928