

# 1-9-2022 Agenda for SGH Board Meeting - Internal

Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 9, 2022 starting at 1:00 p.m. and will be conducted via ZOOM. All Board Members, Officers, and Program Managers are invited. Separate meetings will be scheduled in January for Lead Facilitators (Wed., Jan 12), Instructors, and Scout Liaisons.

## BOARD MATTERS

- \* Everybody doing OK?
- \* THANKS for a very productive 2021 in spite of the difficulties presented by the *Coronavirus* pandemic
- \* Review of SGH Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws as needed and signing of Bylaws.
- \* Signing of Annual Acknowledgment by all Board Members, Officers, and Program Managers.
- \* Anything else Board-related from FY 2021?

## REVIEW OF FY 2021 STRATEGIES & ACTIVITIES

- \* Draft Progress Report as of 11-30-21
- \* Annual USFS Summary Reports completed as of 9-30-21 (USFS's fiscal year ending)
- \* Recap of Trees Treated in FY 2009 - 2021

## REVIEW OF FY 2021 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- \* Final Financial Summary as of 11-30-21
- \* Report on 2021 Actual vs Budget as of 11-30-21

## FOLLOW-UP FROM 10-31-21 MEETING

- \* Vote needed on Dave's recommendation that we revise the Facilitator program so there are two levels. Someone who has completed the training class but hasn't done their initial service commitment will be called a trainee. A Facilitator will be someone who has done both. Trainees will receive all their support materials immediately after training, but they will only receive their Facilitator certificate when they've completed their initial service commitment.
- \* Facilitator survey that Dave designed was sent out in November. We had 38 positive responses and 18 negative responses. Vote needed on hiring an intern to contact non-respondents before we delete them from the roles.
- \* Vote needed on Donna's recommendation to fully implement the position of Lead Facilitator as it was originally envisioned to include mentoring new trainees and Facilitators.
- \* Dave is requested to share the 20-25 minute version he uses for environmental classes at Dalton State.
- \* Status of Jim W and Jon having commercial pesticide applicator licenses in Forest Pest Control.

## 2022 TRANSITION PLANNING

- \* **Personnel updates**
- \* **Personnel needs**

## 2022 STRATEGIES & ACTIVITIES

- \* County business license renewed 12/17/21.
- \* Corporate registration renewed with GA SOS renewed 1/2/22
- \* Live Plant License renewed with GA Dept of Agriculture renewed 1/2/22
- \* Introduction to Strategy Plan for 2022
  - Continue building Leadership Team for increased capacity and continuity.
  - Continue emphasis on partnerships and Facilitator engagement.
  - Resume joint project with paddling community to treat hemlocks on DNR waterways.
  - Initiate joint projects with Trees Atlanta, Fernbank, and Atlanta Botanical Gardens for Atlanta outreach.
- \* Calendar of Events for 2022 (known so far)



**SERVICE – TREATMENT**

**\* Hemlock treatment projects for USFS**

- JIM W and JON will recruit volunteers with JODY’s help.
- Blue Ridge RD  
Sat., Apr. 23  
Sat., July 16

- Chattooga River RD

**\* Hemlock treatment projects with GATC**

Pete Buak says they will do Sapling Gap when the weather warms up, but Dockery Lake canceled due to beetles. Also Poplar Stump is canceled because it has only 1 viable tree, and it’s a long hike in.

**\* Hemlock treatment projects – other**

- Foxfire – Saturday, Jan. 29. There 275 trees from 3 to 22” dbh. It will require a background check.
- DNR Smithgall Woods – probably in March
- DNR Cartecay – DAVE, Alex Harvey, Dan MacIntyre – probably in March
- Project Chimps
- Laurel Ridge

**SERVICE - SAPLINGS**

**\* Sapling nurseries** – how many on hand? New nursery coming at Jim Heilman’s in Pickens County.

**\* Saplings needs for 2022** – estimated 250 for private adoptions, 250 for festivals (if we participate), 100 for hemlock restoration projects and insectary planting.

**\* Sapling rescues**

- Project Chimps
- Others to be scheduled.

**\* Hemlock restoration**

**\* Other sapling planting** – goal to plant 300 trees

**SERVICE - OTHER**

**\* EZ-Ject soil injectors to lend**

**\* Soil injector repair service**

**\* Chemicals to share**

**EDUCATION**

**\* Training schedule** to begin February 12.

- DERRICK will serve as Education Program Manager and instructor along with new instructors Cary Allen and Renee Gracon. DONNA will teach occasional classes as needed.

- Professional credits to be available for SGH courses in 2022 through GA Dept of Agriculture (approved 11/17/20).

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

Bear-on-the-Square	Sat., Apr. 16 & Sun., Apr. 17	Dahlonega
Trout & Outdoor Adventures	Sat., Apr. 30	Blue Ridge
Blue Ridge Arts in the Park	Sat., May 28 & Sun., May 29	Blue Ridge
LRA Memorial Day Meeting	Sun., May 29	Lakemont BUZ to book
Hemlock Day at Anna Ruby Falls, Helen	Sat., June 4	Helen DONNA to book
LRA Labor Day Meeting	Sun., Sept. 4	Lakemont BUZ to book
Trail Fest	Sat., Sept. 10 & Sun., Sept. 11	Dahlonega
National Public Lands Day – Brasstown Bald	Sat., Sept. 24	Blairsville
Foxfire Mountaineer Festival	Sat., Oct. 1	Clayton BUZ to book
Marble Festival	Sat., Oct. 1 & Sun. Oct. 2	Jasper JIM H. to book
Georgia Mountains Beer Fest	Sat., Oct. 15	Ball Ground
Dahlonega Community Service Fai	Sat., Oct. 22	Dahlonega DONNA to book
Hornaday Weekend	Sat., Nov. 12	Blairsville ELLIOTT S. to book

**\* Public Communications**

- Web site
- Facebook
- Publicity for special events
- Signage – Foxfire, Lee Newton Park in Jasper, table covers
- YouTube videos – completion of sapling potting and sapling digging
- Help with articles and photos for our newsletters, more letters to the editor, outreach to newsletters of POAs & organizations
- Document or brochure for Eagle Scout projects explaining opportunities for partnering with SGH and typical division of roles and responsibilities
- Handout to attract volunteers, explaining the importance and rewards of volunteering and the kinds of educational / service opportunities available through SGH
- Presentation and materials targeted to Atlanta audience

**HEMLOCK CAMP MEETING / ANNUAL MEETING**

- \* Date:
- \* Time:
- \* Place:
- \* Theme:
- \* Food:
- \* Music:
- \* Proposed keynote speaker(s):
- \* Publicity, invitations, registrations

**2022 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- \* **Current checking account balance:** \$66,873.
- \* **Review of College Scholarships / Grants**
  - North Georgia Technical College
  - University of Georgia
  - University of North Georgia
  - Young Harris College
- \* **Proposed Budget for 2022**
- \* **Annual membership appeal**

**FUTURE 2021 MEETING DATES**

- \* Sunday, April 11 if in person    or    Wednesday, April 13 if virtual
- \* Sunday, July 11 if in person    or    Wednesday, July 13 if virtual
- \* Sunday, October 17 if in person    or    Wednesday, October 19 if virtual