

1-13-09 Agenda

Preparation for Meeting: We will have a two-part meeting on Tuesday.

- ✦ **Starting at 6:00 p.m. (Part I)**, we will review and make any necessary changes to organizational bylaws and begin a discussion on the short- and long-term visions for the Coalition. Anyone is welcome to participate. As time is short, it will be helpful if those who plan to come will **review the 10 pages of our bylaws, print and bring any comments you may have. Also, board members, please read over the "(no) conflict of interest policy"** so we can be prepared to sign and re-post that. Both documents can be found on the [About Us](#) page of the web site.
- ✦ **Part II of the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.** In this part of the meeting, we will discuss which projects we would like to move forward with, how realistic they are, what we hope to accomplish with them, and how we may go about the organization of them. We'll also gather any additional suggestions for HemlockFest 2009.

Special Notes from Forest

Hello to all. I hope you had a wonderful holiday and that your new year is off to a pleasant start!

First, I would like to thank the Shearers, Bonners, Elvin Hilyer, Tom Lamb, Randy Rick, and Kristen Jordan (& friend) for participating in a "Boots in the Dirt" project that resulted in a \$600 donation! Great stuff!

Also, please read the thank-you from Sarah Osicka for LC's donation to the NGCSU beetle lab.

Meeting Agenda

Part I /6:00 p.m.

- ✦ Discussion of **bylaws** (any updates needed? are we in compliance?)
- ✦ Current board members sign "(no) **conflict of interest**" statement
- ✦ **Budget requests** (HemlockFest-related, soil injectors, HWA Symposium, ForestWatch request, anything you may have that needs a board vote)
- ✦ Discussion of **program visions** (HemlockFest, Boots in the Dirt, LC trail development, water monitoring, etc.)
- ✦ Discussion of how **next year's funds** may be best applied so written materials can accurately reflect intentions

- * Do we need to have **one Saturday meeting** (in place of a Tues. meeting) to have a longer period to finish many of these discussions?

Part II /7:00 p.m.

- * **Alltel e-mails** are changing to Windstream.
- * **Mileage write-off** in service of charitable orgs is 14 cents/mile.
- * **Captain Planet Grant** has been submitted by Judy Toppins.
- * **National Fish and Wildlife Grant** -- Do we want to go for this? If so, how would we best apply it? Think in terms of a possible \$50,000.
- * **YCTC, million mile greenway, county-wide trail system** -- How and to what degree do we want to be involved?
- * **Publicity plan** for Bryan Sorohan -- He would like to come up with a strategy and time table for implementation so he can have ready early, so please bring your ideas.
- * **Forestry Commission HWA Symposium** at NGCSU, Feb. 4. Click here to read the [invitation](#). It would be very good to have Bryan Sorohan there and whoever else (include me) would like to get the full update on current status and findings. Can we use LC funds to pay for registration fee (\$30/person, limited space)?
- * **T-shirt creativity** -- Start thinking and submitting ideas for our five-year anniversary HemlockFest t-shirt colors and design. Let's shake it up a little bit!
- * **Earth Day Kid's Fest** on April 18 @ the Chattahoochee Nature Center -- Need several volunteers, involves hands-on projects.
- * **Water monitoring** -- Shall we try this again? How can we best make this happen?
- * **Project "Boots in the Dirt"** -- Update; mail out; how many weekends are you willing to devote to this project? chemical licenses? etc. The Homeowners Assistance Team held a meeting about this project on December 16. Click here to read the [12-2 meeting notes](#).

Hope to see you Tuesday with ideas in hand. Lots to cover so we can move forward with speed and efficiency in our own relaxed way:-)