

Lemon Fair Insect Control District
Tuesday, Jan 3, 2017
Briport, VT

Draft minutes

1. Call to order: 5:13

Present: David Dodge, Dinah Bain, Alissa Shethar, Chuck Burkins, Chris Chapline, Meg Madden, Kerry White, Craig Zondag, Melissa Laurie

Addition to the agenda: Election of officers:

Chair: David Dodge

Vice Chair: tabled to our March meeting

Secretary: Christine Chapline

Treasurer: Dinah Bain

2. Approve December 2016 minutes: The December minutes are approved.

3. Treasurer's report:

Annual report to the VAA has been submitted with in-kind hours and mileage
Charlie Bain has acquired 2 free (used) computers for the LFICD from Middlebury College.

Cash forward: \$53,369.41

Cash received: \$225.29

Total cash for month: \$53,369.70

Total Disbursements: \$12,305.29

Cash on hand: \$41,064.41

Total accounts payable: \$0,00

Total Accounts receivable: \$34,557.18

Net current assets: \$75,621.59

The tech's lab/office will be closed in February and March, heat off.

4. NMCA (Northeast Mosquito Control Association) annual meeting report:

Craig Z. and Kerry W. attended the NMCA conference in December.

Craig's takeaways:

Other districts reported that it was a quiet mosquito year in the whole northeast. A lot of the districts are also ramping up their data collection/IPM efforts; other districts are also looking at ways to deal with tire bunkers as mosquito breeding habitats.

There were 47 scientific presentations at the meeting.

A CT mosquito district reported that it had tried adding Natular-30 (30 day) as a prophylactic treatment on top of the snow before the thaw on spring-sustainable pools that historically produced mosquitoes. The LFICD is also interested in trying prophylactic methods with long-acting bti products.

A MA group reported that they had found (for the first time) that *Aedes albopictus* (aka, "tiger mosquito" and a disease vector) had overwintered in MA last year.

There was a presentation on avian hosts as reservoirs of EEE: species include robins, greenback herons, thrushes, vireos.

Alan Graham (VT State Entomologist) and Patti Casey (VAA) attended the NMCA meeting as well. Alan has an interest in dealing with agricultural tire bunkers (as problem mosquito habitats) and will be going to the Ag Show in Essex Junction (late January) to get the message out to farmers about cutting the tires in their bunkers to keep them drained. A group including Alan G., Patti C., Craig and Meg visited a facility in Hoosick, NY that cuts farm tires and will trade cut sidewalls in exchange for uncut tires.

5. 2016 Annual Letter:

David wrote the LFICD report for inclusion in each town's annual Town Report. The group worked on edits.

6. 2017 VAA Grant Agreement:

Tim Schmalz (VAA) sent a draft Grant Agreement for 2017-2018 that he had drawn up to incorporate all the addendums since the last formal grant agreement for our input— there are still a lot of edits required. The discussion is tabled until February; we will need a version in Word to work on. The new Grant Agreement will take effect in July.

Patti Casey and Craig will work on Appendix A (Protocols and Application Decision Making).

7. New business:

Craig will call JBI Helicopter to discuss potential 2017 treatments and any changes in their charges or treatment parameters.

Craig will be placing an order for more light traps.

Tim Schmalz (VAA) visited the lab in Dec. and had a good overall impression of the adult and larval identification work. He (and we) would like to see established benchmark locations for dipping and light trapping. Meg and Craig will spend time this spring surveying the Lemon Fair for potential sites.

8. Adjourn: 6:37

Next meeting: February 7, 2017 at the Cornwall Fire Department, 5:00.