District I Horticulture PIT Meeting

MINUTES  OCTOBER 11, 2007  WASHINGTON COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

MEETING CALLED BY  The meeting was called to order at by Ken Rudisill

TYPE OF MEETING  Program Implementation Team meeting

NOTE TAKER  Theresa Friday

HOST  PIT meeting was held during lunch at the District Faculty Meeting hosted by Washington County Extension

ATTENDEES  Collin Adcock, Beth Bolles, Alex Bolques, Charles Brasher, Sheila Dunning, Theresa Friday, Stan Rosenthal, Ken Rudisill, Carrie Stevenson, Dr. Pete Vergot, Larry Williams

Agenda Topics

NEXT PIT MEETING

DISCUSSION  The next scheduled Hort PIT meeting is November 2, 2007 by polycom.

RECOMMENDATIONS  Since Nov. 2 is UF’s homecoming, Ken will check to see if the bridge is available and will notify everyone via email.

4H VOLUNTEER LEADER CONFERENCE

DISCUSSION  Ken passed out brochures on the 4H Volunteer Leader Conference schedule for November 9-11, 2007 at Camp Timpoochee 4-H Center

RECOMMENDATIONS

HORT PIT OPERATING PROCEDURES

DISCUSSION  The group discussed and reviewed a proposal made by Theresa Friday to rotate the Leader and Co-leader positions of the PIT committee. The Operating Procedures outlines a multi-year rotation of the Committee Leadership positions and the responsibilities of the Leader and Co-Leader.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Committee members approved the rotational grid as presented.
2. However, the committee did indicate that Agents may be allowed to trade between themselves if advantageous for promotion packages, etc.

ADVANCED MASTER GARDENER TRAINING

DISCUSSION  1. Ken reported that the First Detector training scheduled for Agents on Dec. 5th has been cancelled.
2. The committee discussed holding a First Detector Training in 2008 on two consecutive days. The first day for Master Gardeners as advanced training. The second day for the commercial horticulture industry. Possibly to be held in Walton County.
3. A Palm Management Class via Polycom is scheduled for January 24th.
4. Larry Williams suggested conducting a Fertilizer Update training due to the newly updated fertilizer law. The training will be offered on two consecutive days. The first day (February 4th) for Master Gardeners as advanced training. The second day (February 5th) for the commercial horticulture industry. Training will be from 9am to 1pm. Location to be determined.

RECOMMENDATIONS  Beth Bolles and Sheila Dunning will coordinate the Fertilizer Update training.
DISTRICT HORTICULTURE NEWSLETTER

DISCUSSION
1. Articles for the next newsletter are due to Ken by Monday, October 15th. Remember that we are writing for the homeowner audience.
2. Articles should be approximately 250 words in length.

RECOMMENDATIONS
1. Ken Rudisill will compile distribution numbers and forward to all contributing agents.
2. Ken will ask IFAS Communications to eliminate the black background boxes due to the excessive ink it requires during the duplication process.
3. Articles will be due:
   a. October 15, 2007 for the Nov-Dec newsletter
   b. December 10, 2007 for the Jan-Feb newsletter
   c. February 11, 2008 for the Mar-Apr newsletter
   d. April 14, 2008 for the May-Jun newsletter
   e. June 16, 2008 for the July-Aug newsletter
   f. August 11, 2008 for the Sept-Oct newsletter

MASTER GARDENER BYLAWS

DISCUSSION
Final bylaws from the state office have not been received

RECOMMENDATIONS

AFRICANIZED BEE TRAINING

DISCUSSION
First Responder Training is being coordinated. Dr. Ellis has not chosen the dates yet. Locations to be Okaloosa and Leon county

RECOMMENDATIONS
It was suggested that the Africanized Bee Attack film be used as marketing

CALENDARS

DISCUSSION
October 22-24, 2007: Master Gardener Conference, Gainesville
October 24, 2007: Tree Biology and Pruning by Dr. Ed Gilman. Polycom at Jackson and Washington County.
October 29, 2007: Upland Master Naturalist Training. Okaloosa County
November 1, 2007: Limited Pesticide Training. Okaloosa County
November 2, 2007: Horticulture PIT meeting via polycom
November 11, 2007: Landscape Architect Training. Escambia County. Carrie Stevenson

RECOMMENDATIONS
Winter 2007: Arborist Training with Sam Hand
Spring 2008: Bugs & Rot

OTHER ITEMS

DISCUSSION
Suggested topics for next PIT meeting:
   a. Regular arborist training with Sam Hand
   b. Climate Change program

RECOMMENDATIONS

ADJOURNMENT
Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:00 pm

NEXT MEETING
November 2, 2007: Polycom

SPECIAL NOTES
Handouts:
   • Fun with 4H: Volunteer Leader Conference
   • NW Florida Horticulture PIT Operating Procedures.

Please send additions or changes to these minutes to Theresa Friday at tlfriday@ufl.edu.