

Lemon Fair Insect Control District
Tuesday, May 2, 2017
Bridport, VT

Minutes:

1. Call to order: 5:10

Present: David Dodge, Wendy Lynch, Chuck Burkins, Dinah Bain, Gary Rodes, Craig Zondag, Christine Chapline, Alissa Shethar, Melissa Laurie

2. Approve April minutes:

The April minutes are approved.

3. Treasurer's report

Cash forward: \$34,390.47

Cash received: \$0.27

Total cash for month: \$34,390.74

Total disbursements: \$5,138.50

Cash on hand: \$29,252.24

Accounts payable: \$0.00

Total Accounts receivable: \$56,557.18

Net Current Assets: \$85,809.42

4. GIS update

Craig Z., Kerry W. and Patti Casey (VAA) are in the middle of their GIS class (Arch and Q GIS).

JB I wants GPS coordinates of the loading sites and Shapefiles of the sites to be treated.

Potential larvicide loading sites for LF valley:

Denis land near Thompson Hill Rd. in Weybridge.

field near Bittersweet Falls Rd. in Weybridge.

Sunrise Orchard on North Bingham St.

Middlebury Airport

West Street Dairy field (Quesnel's) at the end of West St. in Cornwall (close to 125).

Foote Farm area in Cornwall.

Peet landing strip, Peet Rd. in Cornwall for Cornwall Swamp

Gary asked Tim if we could get an Arch GIS license from the State; the answer was no.

Gary asked Tim about reimbursement for software or using it for a student project: Yes (the State will reimburse for training and software).

Gary will ask Esri for a non-profit rate or discount for the software (the current quote is \$1350 for the first year, \$400/year after that).

5. Review the 2017 Brown & Brown insurance proposal.

New: coverage for liability for private cars while working for LFICD—adds \$500 to the policy.

Current coverage ends May 27, 2017.

There is a \$250,000 limit on pesticide liability, which we may not be able to increase; David will ask.

JBH will add us as additionally insured on their policy.

Cost: \$3,882 total for the 2017 policy.

A motion was made to accept the insurance quote and any changes necessary after David gets further info from B&B about liability, up to \$500 over the current quote. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. Permits:

The 5 year and 1 year permits are in place. The NRCS permit is in progress, we should have it soon.

7. Field coordinator update:

The techs will be getting waypoint sites for light traps to add to the maps.

Thus far, two hand treatments have been necessary. Swamp Rd.: Kerry broadcast by hand with VectoBac pesticide from the trailer and got 100% kill.

Also, Craig treated in the Devil's Triangle area in Weybridge w/briquettes (50 45-day briquettes)—got about 50% knockdown after 3 days. The briquettes are slow release. Patty Casey told Craig that Tim Shmalz has given us the OK to make prophylactic treatments with the briquettes.

WRP site in Bridport—not many larva, Craig is seeing water birds there (ducks, geese, sandpipers) that he hasn't seen before.

The techs are monitoring the usual hot spots and are beginning light trapping this week.

Craig will submit a monthly report to the State on the hand treatments, as per our grant agreement.

A motion was made to purchase a new smart phone (TrakFone) for Craig/field techs at Best Buy for \$100. The phone has no contract; prepaid voice and data is approximately \$125/year.

The motion passed unanimously.

The BLSG wanted to treat their areas last week and we also had some area of concern in the Cornwall Swamp, but JBH could not treat until Saturday, which was too late. The BLSG used their ARGO to treat.

8. Aerial applicator updates:

David Dodge contacted Dave Whitcomb at Mansfield Flight and he said they are not interested in giving us a quote.

The BLSG's Argo can be made available to us when they are not using it (at a rate to be determined).

9. Personnel compensation:

A motion was made to give Kerry and Meg a raise to \$30/hour to match the BLSG hourly rate.

The motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn: 7:05

Next meeting: June 6, Cornwall Town Offices, 5:00