August Quarterly Meeting Minutes
Compiled by J. Hightower

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Attendance

Paul Guzenski
Dan Reese (remote)
Laura Charlton
Elise Huggins
Nathan Lojewski
Robert Gorman
Mitch Michaud (remote)
Alex Wenninger
Marya Pillifant
Patrick Ryan
Susan Rogers (remote)
Nan Mundy (remote)
Meg Burget

Josh Hightower
Jim Renkert
Craig Anderson

A. Housekeeping (9:00 – 9:25)

1. Welcome & Introductions (5 min)

2. Review and approval of May minutes (5 min)
   Elise Motions to approve, Nathan seconds. None opposed.

3. Any changes or additions to agenda (5 min)
   Add discussion of Arbor Day grants to item E. ACFC New Business.

4. Treasurers Report (10 min)
   ***Jim to check P.O. box – there may be a check from SAF.
   ***Alex to get key for P.O. box from Gino.
Activity since last report: $0.20 deposited into savings account – interest.

Elise motions to approve, Pat seconds. None opposed.

ACFC Treasurer’s Report  August 18, 2021
By Nathan Lojewski

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B. Public Comments  
1. None.

C. Program Reports  
1. Federal  
   USFS is focusing on wildfire management and climate change. Climate change is a primary driver of Biden administration priorities, and USFS is working with administration to determine how this applies to USFS.

   New legislation is currently before congress that may increase funding for forest resources. This probably won’t result in changes for community forestry.

2. State  
   See report from J. Renkert.
D. Invasive *Prunus* Species Status Report, Tim Stallard Alien Invasives (9:55 – 10:20)

1. See PowerPoint from T. Stallard.
   Treatment info/recommendations:
   - Frill method is better accomplished with pruning saw than hatchet.
   - Stem injections can be performed in winter if bark is not frozen.
   - Glyphosate has a 30-50 day half-life in soil.
   - Prunus seed viability is 1-3 years.
   - Glyphosate most effective when applied at full leaf expansion.
   - Treated trees can take 1-12 month to die.

2. Further discussion on *Prunus*

   ***Council/DOF to look into setting up meeting with nurseries/landscapers to discuss issues associated with *Prunus*.***

   Discussion on performing informal visits to nurseries/box stores to determine who is still selling *Prunus*.

   ***DOF to consider inviting MOA horticulturist/arborist to November meeting.***

   ***March agenda item: look into distributing brochures at 2022 Alaska state fair.***

   Royalty Crabapple makes a good alternative, with similar fall color to *P. virginiana*.

   ***Discussion on creating a ‘certified wildlife habitat’ designation for homeowners. This could be a way to incentivize homeowners to remove *Prunus*, replant with beneficial species, etc.***
   Laura and Pat willing to serve on committee.
   Look into working with Master Gardeners.

E. ACFC New Business (10:20 – 10:50)

1. Election of Officers

   Alex Wenninger elected to serve 1 year term as secretary.

   Current treasurer (Nathan Lojewski) plans to step down in 1 year.
Treasurer is responsible for filing taxes, maintaining check book, monitoring accounts, filing exemption with Dept. of Commerce, etc.

Calls for interested individuals to ‘apprentice’ with Nathan over next year, learn the duties of position before Nathan quits.
No volunteers at this time.

Current Chair (Meg Burgett) plans to step down within the year.
Elise Huggins nominated as replacement.

F. Alaska Plant Database

1. Current Status & Update
   No update at this time.
   ***November agenda item.

G. ACFC Old Business

1. ACFC Arbor Day grants
   Any new grants?
   (10 min)
   No report on new grants.
   Call for council member to take over Arbor Day grant duties vacated by Gino. Would be responsible for collecting applications, tracking funds, forwarding suitable applications to review committee.
   No volunteers at this time.
   ***November agenda item.
   ***DOF to invite Gino to next meeting to discuss duties.
   Discussion of ACFC contributing funds to Prunus Remove and Replace Program. Could provide vouchers for applicants who removed their trees prior to site inspections.
   ***November agenda item.

2. Bylaws update committee
   No report.
3. Paul Guzenski  Spruce Up Anchorage update  
See Spruce up Anchorage website.

Has accomplished 200 tree giveaway, providing support for breast cancer patients, individuals can sign up for assistance on website.

4. Anything Else?

H. Lunch Break

(11:30 –12:30)

I. Community/Council Member Reports (~3 min/each)  
(12:30 – 1:30)

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<td>C. Municipal Planner</td>
<td>Laura Charlton</td>
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<td>Covid still stalling majority of projects in Ketchikan, though small community gardens are showing success.</td>
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<td>D. Landscape Architect</td>
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<td>GCI building by Northway mall hired Elise to help with landscaping/rehabilitation. Removed all invasive Prunus from site.</td>
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<td>E. Horticulture</td>
<td>Nathan Lojewski (Treasurer)</td>
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<td>Working with folks in the Netherlands to increase trade between Netherlands and Alaska.</td>
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<td>Plans to make contact with road crews to discuss tree related issues.</td>
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<td>G. Small Community Service</td>
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<td>Reviewing MOU between council and DOF with Nathan. Starting on community tree plants with schools and small communities on Kenai. Involved in Soldotna Crane Peace Park Arbor Day grant project.</td>
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I. Industry/Business
Corey Steffen
No report.

J. AK Cooperative Extension Service
Alex Wenninger
UAF CES working on chokecherry control projects in Anchorage and Fairbanks, reassessing long term spruce beetle monitoring plots, tracking chokecherry gall midge.

K. Member-at-Large
Marya Pillifant
No report.

L. Member-at-Large
Patrick Ryan
Working with schools, distributed >100 trees to local planting projects.

M. Member-at-Large
Susan Rogers
No report – noted that brown tailed moth is invading forests in Maine.

N. Member-at-Large
Nancy “Nan” Mundy
No report.

O. Member-at-Large
Meg Burgett (Chair)
Working with Palmer SWCD to install demonstration forest trail at experimental forest in Mat-Su. Construction will begin in spring, with funding from UAF Cooperative Extension.

J. Field Trip – Chanshtnu Muldoon Park Food Forest & Community Garden (1:30 – 4:00)

K. Further Discussion
as time allows

L. Next Meeting, Monthly teleconference
Monthly Teleconference, September 9, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

M. Next Quarterly Meeting
November 12, 2021

N. Adjourn 4:00