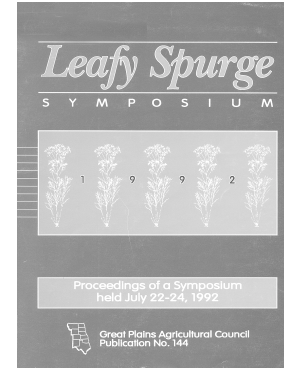


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Introduction / Business meeting minutes

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The 11th Annual Leafy Spurge Symposium of the Leafy Spurge Task Force, Soil and Crops Committee, Great Plains Agriculture Council was held July 22 through 24, 1992 at the Cornhusker Hotel and Convention Center in Lincoln, Nebraska. The purpose of the Symposium was to provide a forum for scientists to discuss current research findings, for state and federal agriculture department personnel to discuss noxious weed policy issues, and for producers to express their concerns and experiences with leafy spurge management. A total of 114 individuals from Texas, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Oregon, Colorado, Kansas, Minnesota, and Manitoba and Ontario, Canada attended the Symposium.

The Symposium began in the afternoon with a plenary session where invited speakers discussed the history and role of the Leafy Spurge Task Force and the role of USDA-ARS in leafy spurge research. Three concurrent sessions (Research Reports, Regulatory Affairs, and Producer's Forum) were held during the morning of the second day of the Symposium followed by a general session in the afternoon where experts presented "state-of-science" reviews on leafy spurge taxonomy, biology, physiology, and management strategies. The final day of the Symposium started with an information interchange and poster display session. Jamie Bishop concluded the Symposium with presentation on the need for public involvement in the effort to manage leafy spurge.

This Proceedings of the 11th Annual Leafy Spurge Symposium contains summaries of presentations made during the Symposium. These summaries were prepared by those giving the presentations.

I would like to thank Jamie Bishop, Geir Friisoe, John Kitchell, Gene Lehnert, Scott Nissen, Barte Smith, and Doug Smith for their outstanding assistance with the planning

and coordination of the 11th Leafy Spurge Symposium. Their input and dedication contributed in a significant way to the success of the Symposium. I would also like to thank Jim Pester for his help in preparing these Proceedings.

The next Leafy Spurge Symposium will be held in July 1993 in Colorado. Dr. George Beck is the Symposium Coordinator and can be reached at (303) 491-7568 for more information.

Minutes of the Leafy Spurge Task Force business meeting

Cornhusker Conference Center, Lincoln, Nebraska, July 23, 1992

1. Introduction

The meeting was called to order by President, Bob Masters.

2. Report by Donald Anderson, Administrative Advisor

D. Anderson called attention to issues for consideration during the business meeting. 1) Consider changing the meeting date to reduce conflict with research activities. 2) Establish program committee to facilitate meeting organization and activities.

3. Timing of Future Symposia

Those attending the meeting discussed several alternative times for future Symposia. A date in June through early July was not desirable because of conflicts with field research activities and data summarization. Holding the Symposia in the fall or winter was in conflict with those with teaching appointments and with various professional society annual meetings that typically occur during this time period. Those attending the business meeting determined that late July through early August was the best time to hold the Leafy Spurge Task Force Symposium.

4. Critique of 1992 symposium

Bob Masters asked those attending the business meeting to critique the 1992 Symposium and discuss what elements should be included in the agenda of future meetings. The agenda for the 1992 Symposium included concurrent sessions for researchers, regulatory personnel, and producers and a general session where "state-of-the-science" information was presented on various aspects of leafy spurge taxonomy, biology, and control. This format was used in an effort to increase participation of regulatory personnel and producers attending the Symposium. Attendance and participation by regulatory personnel were good, but not by producers. Business meeting attendees indicated that there was not enough time for discussion during the Symposium and that the purpose of the Symposium was to provide a forum for researchers to get together and exchange ideas and information. In keeping with the purpose of the meeting it was not necessary to structure the meeting agenda to accommodate non-scientists. Bob Masters indicated that if non-scientists were invited to attend then there should be an attempt to develop an agenda that was of interest and value to them. He suggested that the Task Force members consider establishing a schedule of planning Symposiums every 3 years with a broad agenda con-

taining elements of interest to scientists and non-scientists and in the intervening years conduct Symposium with the sole intent of facilitating interaction among scientists conducting research with leafy spurge. The group discussed the merits of this proposal. George Beck moved that the 1994 and 1995 Leafy Spurge Task Force meetings be research oriented and that meeting held in 1996 be designed to accommodate the concerns of scientists and non-scientists. Don Galitz seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously by the business meeting attendees. Scott Nissen suggested having a poster session at future meetings. Dave Biesboer suggested that having sessions at the meeting where scientists would be given 5 to 10 minutes to present research might stimulate discussion interaction. He felt that the future Task Force meetings should be less structured and more informal.

5. Future Leafy Spurge Task Force symposiums

The 1993 Leafy Spurge Task Force Symposium will be held in Colorado. Scott Nissen motioned that the Symposium be held in Bozeman, Montana in 1994. This motion was seconded by Cal Messersmith and passed unanimously. Chuck Quimby stated that Neal Spencer would be responsible for coordinating the Symposium in 1994. Chuck Quimby motioned that the Symposium be held in Fargo, North Dakota in 1995. Seconded by George Beck and passed unanimously. Don Galitz was volunteered to coordinate the Symposium in 1995.

6. Executive committee for 1993

The officers for 1993 are:

George Beck, Chairman, Neal Spencer, Vice-Chairman, and Don Galitz, Secretary.

7. Motion

A motion was made to adjourn the business meeting, was seconded, and approved.

(Notes of the business meeting transactions were taken by Mark Thompson and summarized for submission by R.A. Masters, President, Leafy Spurge Task Force, July 23, 1992.)