

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

August 13, 2013

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on August 13th, 2013. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair, Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair, Dr. Brian Forschler, Bodine Sinyard, Greg Holley, Laurie Padgett and Maurice Redmond.
- B. Also in attendance were representatives of the Georgia Department of Agriculture, GPCA and CPCO representatives, registrants and other members of the pest management industry.
- C. Motion was made by Bodine Sinyard to approve the minutes of the July meeting. Laurie Padgett seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA update for the Commission. He stated that classes at the University started on the 12<sup>th</sup> of August and he expects another good year.
- F. Mr. Tommy Gray provided a Department update. He discussed another successful Georgia Clean Day event which took place on July 30th at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds. This event targeted lawn care, landscape and structural pest industries. The next event is scheduled to take place in Peach County on September 25<sup>th</sup>. The Department has applied to US EPA for additional funds to support future Clean Day events. Mr. Gray also discussed a successful event held by the Department's Marketing Division called the Georgia Grown Farmer's Showcase held at the Atlanta Farmer's Market last month.
- G. Mr. Lastinger provided the program update.
  - During each year field staff perform routine annual company inspections. Beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, the inspections will include a CAM (Compliance Assistance Modules) that will be offered as part of the program's compliance assistance and outreach activities. The CAM will focus on the pyrethroid label changes. The CAM is expected to take approximately fifteen minutes and highlight what technicians need to know.
  - The Commission recently received a letter from Good Guys Pest Control asking the Structural Pest Control Commission to further investigate their previous complaint regarding an advertisement. The case has been turned over to the legal Department for further review.
  - Mr. Lastinger discussed an application for the certification examination from Mr. Ron Sharpe. Mr. Sharpe is involved in an unsettled regulatory case with the Department. Consequently, the Commission did not to consider his application for examination.
  - Mr. Lastinger reminded the Commission and the industry of the upcoming 2013 ASPCRO Conference. The conference will be held next week at the Omni Hotel Atlanta.

- H. Mr. Bell reported on Colony Collapse Disorder regarding honey bees. Honey bees account for 1 in 3 bites of food that we consume and amount to 15 billion dollars in revenue. Lately there has been an issue in Oregon where a lawn care company treated trees with a neonicotinoid insecticide that resulted in about 50,000 to 75,000 bee deaths. Legislation has been proposed to further restrict the use of neonicotinoid insecticide to protect pollinators.
- I. The Commission discussed final details of issue 9B of the draft rule changes concerning the ventilation inspection requirement on the Official Georgia Wood Infestation Inspection Report (WIIR). Mr. Lastinger and Mr. Gorecki drafted an alternate proposal for the Commission to consider which was circulated prior to the meeting. The new proposal includes a requirement to collect and document moisture readings of structural wood exposed in the crawl space. Additionally, the Commission discussed existing conditions conducive that are not reported on a WIIR at the time of an inspection and the time frame required to correct unreported conditions. A Motion was made by Dr. Forschler to accept the draft rule with changing the moisture content amount from 25% to 20% pertaining to conditions conducive. Mr. Lastinger seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- J. Meeting adjourned at 11:23 AM and Certification Examination Applications were reviewed.

**ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses

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Chris Gorecki, Chairman

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Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

**Attachment 1:**

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Agenda

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**Open** – Chairman Gorecki

**Minutes**

**Old Business**

**New Business**

- a. New Companies Review
- b. Legislative Update – Skin Edge
- c. UGA Urban Entomology Program Update –Dr. Forschler
- d. Georgia Department of Agriculture
  - Department Update – Tommy Gray
  - Program Update – D Lastinger
- e. 2013 Rule Changes – C Gorecki

**Adjournment**

**Attachment 2**

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**Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests**

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The Commission approved the following applications:

- KNOX PEST CONTROL, OXFORD
- KNOX PEST CONTROL, JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA
- HEROLDS PEST CONTROL INC., POOLER
- AMERI SHIELD EXTERMINATORS, CARTERSVILLE
- PETTY PEST SERVICES, LOCUST GROVE
- NORTHWEST EXTERMINATING, ACWORTH

The Commission approved the following request pending a name change

- THE BUG GUY PEST SOLUTIONS, FAIRBURN