

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

June 14, 2022

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:05 AM on June 14, 2022, online via Zoom. The following Commission members were present: Derrick Lastinger; Vice-Chair, Dr. Brian Forschler, Greg Holley, Kim Bragg, Christy Kuriatnyk and Bodine Sinyard.
- B. Also in attendance were representatives with the Georgia Department of Agriculture, GPCA and CPCO representatives, registrants, and other members of the pest management industry.
- C. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the May meeting. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. Mr. Tim Taylor provided the compliance and enforcement update. There has been an increase in reports of unlicensed operators. These are considered high priority cases. The most frequent violations reported on for-cause inspections is wood-to-ground contacts and method of application. The most frequent violation reported on routine cases is method of application. Mr. Taylor encourages the industry to refer to the guidance documents located on the SPCC website. SPD inspectors are taking part in training activities for the Honeybee Control and Removal inspection program.
- E. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- F. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA Urban Entomology update. A candidate has been selected for the vacant pesticide coordinator position and expects to start in August. More information is to come.
- G. Dr. Forschler and Mr. Lastinger provided the Honeybee Control and Removal update. The HBR Manual has been sent to a printing company. The pdf version is expected to be available in August. The first training session was held at Young Harris College and was successful with 53 participants. GDA received positive feedback from participants and received a lot of interest in additional training opportunities. The compliance date is set for January 1, 2023. The next step is to develop the state examination. The implementation plan was set to have the examination available in July. Mr. Lastinger asked the Commission to extend the date to August 1st. Mrs. Bragg made a motion to extend the State Certification Examination date to August 1, 2022. Dr. Forschler seconded the motion and motion passed.
- H. Mr. Lastinger provided the department updates. GDA has 8 participants in the Summer Internship Program, Yancey Barton is the SPD intern. End of fiscal year for GDA and SPCC is June 30, 2022. Commissioner Black re-appointed Greg Holley to another 3-year term on the Commission. Mr. Holley has served on the Commission since 2013. The next Commission meeting will be held August 9. End of federal fiscal year will be September 30, 2022. GDA's cooperative grant with EPA is on a 3-year cycle and was set to end September 30, 2022 but anticipates a 1-year extension. GDA has received a lot of inquiries recently regarding a granular insecticide called *Taurus Trio G*. It is a Restricted Use Pesticide (RUP) most commonly used to control fire ants. An applicator must be certified to use to apply a RUP.

- I. Ms. Ali Ikner provided the certification and training update. She discussed the inconsistency of testing centers providing calculators to test takers and asked the Commission for guidance. Commission members agree that all testing centers can provide calculators. Ms. Ikner reminded everyone that license renewals will be next year.
- J. Ms. Nan Collier provided the outreach update. SPD staff provided pollinator protection outreach at the Chattahoochee Nature Center Butterfly Festival June 4-5. Teunde Alexander, Sadiyyah Hollins, and Yancey Barton worked the booth on Saturday, June 4. Jennifer Pate and Eric Robinson worked the booth on Sunday, June 5. Almost 1200 attendees were recorded each day. Mr. Lastinger expressed appreciation to Nan Collier for organizing the outreach event.
- K. Mr. Lastinger introduced GDA's Director of Policy, Mr. Bo Warren. Mr. Warren recognized UGA and the Cooperative Extension for their work on pest identification. He thanked the Commission members for the invitation to join meetings.
- L. Mr. Lastinger provided Mr. Rick Bell's NPMA update. EPA is reviewing state and federal C&T plans. The current deadline is November 4, 2022 but could be extended. ASPCRO's annual meeting will held in August in Minneapolis. They are working with NPMA to provide training on the use of sulfurly fluoride and general pest control.
- M. Meeting adjourned at 11:05am.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 Agenda
- Attachment 2 New Company Licenses

Chris Gorecki, Chairman

Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

ATTACHMENT 1



Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission

Chris Gorecki, Chairman
Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chairman
Christy Kuriatnyk, Georgia Department of Public Health
Dr. Brian Forschler, University of Georgia
Bodine Sinyard, Adams Exterminators
Greg Holley, Zone Pest Solutions
Kim Bragg, Consumer Affairs & Protection Representative

Agenda

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Open - Vice-chairman Lastinger

Minutes

Old Business

New Business

- a. New Company Applications - Ali Ikner
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Update - Dr. Brian Forschler
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture Updates
 - Compliance/Enforcement - Tim Taylor
 - Certification & Training - Ali Ikner
 - Outreach - Nan Collier
- d. Rule 620-9 Implementation Update
- e. Legislative update - Trip Martin
- f. NPMA update - Rick Bell
- g. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

ATTACHMENT 2

Company License Applications

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Maryloue Pest Services – Gwinnett County (insurance)
- Bonaire Pest Services – Houston County (insurance)
- ANSV Home & Pest Services – Newton County (insurance)
- Trojan Exterminators – Carroll County (insurance)
- Ogeechee Pest Solutions – Bulloch County (insurance)
- Briggs Pest & Termite Solutions – Dawson County (insurance)
- Grace Valley Pest Control – Lumpkin County (insurance)
- Go Pest Solutions, LLC – Valparaiso, FL (name change)
- Bug Scout – Gwinnett County (name change, insurance, research fee)

The Commission approved the following name changes:

- Green Frog Pest Solutions a division of Turner Pest Control (99653) to Green Frog Pest Solutions a division of Pestban LLC

The Commission denied the following name changes:

- Kirkland's Pest Control, LLC (100177) to Wayne's Pest Control
- Nature's Turf (100666) to Nature's Pest Control