

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

June 13, 2023

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:00 AM on June 13, 2023, online via Zoom. The following Commission members were present: Mr. Chris Gorecki, Chairperson, Derrick Lastinger; Vice-Chair, Kim Bragg, Greg Holley, Dr. Brian Forschler, Christy Kuriatnyk, Bodine Sinyard.
- B. Also in attendance were representatives with the Georgia Department of Agriculture, GPCA and CPCO representatives, EPA, registrants, and other members of the pest management industry.
- C. Motion was made by Mr. Holley to approve the minutes of the May meeting. Mr. Sinyard seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Dr. Brian Forschler provided an update highlighting the HBR Pre-examination training held on June 8th, 2023. Dr. Forschler mentioned that it was a full day of training, and that the training went very well. He asked to hear from Ali and Tim information on numbers and attendance. Ms. Ali added that the SPD is pending attendance records, and that the training was broadcast to eleven county extension offices, the GPC office and UGA Griffin Campus for a total of thirteen 13 locations across the state.
- F. Mr. Lastinger provided the department update. He mentioned that on June 7th Georgia Grown was highlighted at the Atlanta Braves game. Today, the GDA is meeting with the Georgia Agribusiness council, but overall, the GDA is gearing up for the end of the year state budget and getting ready for the new year starting on July 1. The Commission will be wrapping up, as this is the last SPCC meeting of the fiscal year, finalizing all the reports and preparing the end of year activities report for the Governor. The Department has been working with US EPA on the federal grant side, and noted there have been delays with the federal funding.
- G. Mr. Tim Taylor provided an update on Compliance and Enforcement. He reviewed the requirements for current employee registration pre-examination training form. The division has seen some compliance issues with the SPCC Pre Examinations Training Forms. The SPCC issued the form on March 13, 2018, with a July 1, 2019 compliance date. The form requires the documentation of ten hours of classroom training and seventy hours of on-the-job training. Chairman Gorecki recommended that the form be distributed to the commission for further review. Tim added that the issues with the Pre-Examination Training Forms are not widespread compliance issues but were found during some ongoing investigations.
- H. Ms. Ali Ikner provided the Certification and Training update. She provided an overview of renewal season so far. The first renewal notifications were sent out on May 17th and reminders were sent to those who had not yet renewed by the first week of June. A final reminder email will be sent out again to those who have still not renewed by the end of the month. Notifications were sent by email and by letter, please reach out if you have not

received a notice to ensure your contact information is current. Ms. Ikner provided updated renewal numbers: 619 of 1,342 licensed companies have renewed, 4,464 of 10,624 registered employees have renewed, and 1,339 of 2,475 certified operators have renewed. The renewal deadline is June 30th. Renewal fees will double after the deadline.

- I. Ms. Nan Collier provided the outreach update. SPD staff provided pollinator protection outreach at the Chattahoochee Nature Center Butterfly Festival June 3-4. Over 1200 attendees were recorded each day. GDA staff discussed information on Pesticide Safety and Protection, Pollinators, and the importance of hiring Licensed Pest Control Companies. Mr. Lastinger expressed appreciation to Ms. Collier for organizing the outreach event.
- J. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on the Georgia Pesticide Applicators & Training Plan. The Commission asked Ali to put together a roadmap of the Certification and Training Plan due to rules and polices changes for the Commission to consider, she has the draft ready to go and it will be sent out to be discussed at the next meeting.
- K. Mr. Lastinger discussed Notice 17-03 State Inspections and Notice 17-01 Examination Cheating Policy updates. Notice 17-01 is currently under review by GDA Legal Services Division.
- L. Ms. Shalamar Parham provided the legislative update.
- M. Meeting adjourned at 11:05am.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses

Chris Gorecki, Chairman

Commissioner Tyler Harper, 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 –Chairman Gorecki

Minutes

Old Business

New Business

- a. New Company Applications – Ali Ikner
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Update & Research Reports - Dr. Brian Forschler
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture Updates – Derrick Lastinger
 - Compliance/Enforcement – Tim Taylor
 - Certification & Training –Ali Ikner
 - Outreach – Nan Collier
- d. Georgia Pesticide Applicator Certification & Training Plan
- e. License Renewal 2023-2025
- f. Notice 17-03 State Inspections
- g. Legislative update – Trip Martin
- h. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- i. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

ATTACHMENT 2

Company License Applications

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Cardinal Pest Management – Rockmart
- Karmon Pest Management, LLC – Covington
- Turkey Creek Honey Bee Rescue – Dublin
- Pest Magic – Forsyth
- Ace Pest Solutions, LLC - Hartwell

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Clean Weavers LLC – Pembroke (insurance and email address)
- GFC Pest Services – Hartwell (insurance)
- Omega Pest Solutions – Fayetteville (insurance)
- B3 Removals LLC – Covington (new name)
- Mayday Exterminator, Florida (name appeal denied, new name)

The Commission approved the following name changes:

- One Dead Bug Termite and Pest Solutions to One Dead Bug
- Rusty Pest Solutions to Rusty's Pest Solutions LLC

The Commission did not approve the following name change applications:

- TAC Mosquito and Pest Solutions to TAC Mosquito and Pest Solutions by the Adams Co