

Knot in Hyde Park Committee

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

Virtual Meeting 5:30 PM

MINUTES

In attendance: M Walz, F Landrey, R. Pearson, T. Pearson, W. Lane.
Apologies: T. Brease.

All presented updates from the field work at our respective sites: WL reports that she hasn't had to pull KW in a month at the McK 50' site. Very little re-growth. FL reports rubber roofing re-tooling in May at the McK/Diggins site made big difference, roots on pallets are all dead, no evidence of lateral spread of KW from the perimeter. R&T report that Ballfield-A continues to have more vigorous growth than expected/desired, but it is within its perimeter. Ballfield-B now added to the list of sites maintained. Fagnant site on Trombley Hill – very little regrowth. MW reports that EDRR sites are all doing great – very little growth and clear evidence that new established KW sites are being thwarted. It appears that Baker site on Center Road still has pretty vigorous re-growth, a bit like Ballfield A. Perhaps same batch of fill! Dam Road second cut was big success – 5 new volunteers participated. Wed. Eve KW pull at Black Farm Rd has been discontinued for the time being as there is not enough re-growth to keep people busy for the hour. MW will monitor situation. In general, good news!

Update on the Goats at Gamble: consensus is that goats need to be 'guided' in their grazing by interior fencing. Also noted that goats are grazing at the edges of the KW – it is too tall, and perhaps too dense. They like the 'trail' around the KW. However, flooding events and Dan's busy work and volunteer life have paused any action for the moment. MW to consult with Dan this week and see what's practically possible. (Would be good to get the pallets out of the goat ring. Need to schedule a time to do that with help.)

Update on Herbicide Pilot: MW to schedule a review tour of sites with Luke Hardt to get his advice on the treatment and feasibility. MW to send list of possible sites, and outline plan. MW to order injection equipment.

Instagram is set-up. Now needs more attention for postings.

Among the many consequences of the flooding will be the spread of KW, just as it was spread after Irene. Now that we know this is inevitable what shall we do? It is easy for KiHP to keep an eye on what happens at road level from erosion, repairs, etc, as we have an EDRR protocol, though many more eyes would be useful and an FPF post should be made later in the season. Rivers? A bigger story: tbd.

Big thanks to WL for stuffing some 1300 tax envelopes with our KiHP flyer.

Meeting adjourned, 6:15 PM.