

BLSG Mosquito Control Board – Minutes 5/21/15

Attending:

Board: Ben Lawton, Steve Kellogg, Wayne Rausenberger, Pete Hare, Jeremy MacLachlan, Brad Lawes, Jeff Smith, Jeff Whiting

Applicators: Mort Pierpont, Will Mathis, Ashton Bates

Guests: Lynn Peck, Sue Potter, Sandra Chicoine, John Haverstock, Dave Atherton

Ben Lawton called meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. Adulthood Report (Mort Pierpont)
 - Crew sent out on 5/18
 - Three applicators will go out on 5/21
 - Thus far, we have only treated town roads
 - Mort explained that he is having applicators log info after each spraying session which indicates roads sprayed and amount of time sprayed
 - Ben Lawton suggested purchasing a copier
2. Larvicide Report (Will Mathis)
 - Treated 50+ acres so far by hand
 - Ben Lawton praised the recent article in The Reporter by Lee Karhs about the mosquito situation
3. Treatment Issue
 - Ben Lawton explained that BLSG applied for a commercial pesticide treatment license and has received such a license.
 - We also received individual commercial pesticide licenses for Will Mathis, Jeff Whiting and Ben Lawton (Ashton Bates will be submitted 5/22).
 - Jeremy MacLachlan expressed concerns about the use of adulticides.
 - Motion to approve BLSG's status as a commercial pesticide applicator (moved: Steve Kellogg, second: Pete Hare). Motion approved with 7 ayes, and one nay.
 - We will not be using malathion.
 - Insurance will be in place by morning of 5/22.
 - Sandy Chicione wanted to go on the record that she mistakenly applied adulticide two years ago in a spot that was not properly marked as not to be sprayed.
 - It was pointed out that Bill Scholdice was instrumental in bringing attention to the State of the importance of BLSG to be able to spray private roads.
 - It was pointed out by Sandy Chicione that Will Mathis has worked extremely hard applying larvicide by hand.
 - Many agreed that we need to strive to find ways to be able to apply larvicide farther and wider (we have approximately 500 acres to cover). Short of being able to get a plane or helicopter, an ARGO vehicle would be a fantastic addition.

We went into Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. (moved by Ben, seconded by Brad) and came out at 9:00 p.m. (moved by Pete, second by Steve)

4. Other:

- Motion that BLSG spray 7 days a week during the mosquito season, as required, with as many trucks as needed and when conditions permit. Moved by Brad, second by Steve. Motion passed with 6 ayes and 1 abstention.

Motion to adjourn by Wayne, second by Ben. Adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Hare