

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

April 8, 2014

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:00 a.m. in the conference room of the Savannah Farmer's Market in Savannah on April 8, 2014. The following Commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chairman, 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 representatives, registrants and other members of the pest management industry.
- C. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the March meeting. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- D. Mr. Lastinger welcomed the attendees and gave a brief history of the Savannah Farmer's Market. He also announced the Georgia Grown Summerfest showcase and activities coming to the Savannah Farmer's Market in June 2014.
- E. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- F. Mr. Gorecki recognized Mr. Redmond for his service on the Commission for the past six years and his active participation in the 2014 rule changes. Mr. Redmond expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve and learn from his experience as a member. Mr. Gorecki announced the newly appointed Commission member, Christy Kuriatnyk. She was recently appointed by the Georgia Department of Public Health Commissioner, Dr. Brenda Fitzgerald. Mrs. Kuriatnyk is the program director of the Environmental Health Section's Healthy Homes Program.
- G. Mr. Lastinger provided department and program updates. He announced that Mr. Wesley Burton has been promoted to Compliance Specialist. Mr. Burton will continue in his statewide field supervisory role as well.
- H. Mr. Lastinger referenced the June 2013 minutes regarding the Commission review of GDA cases that find termite bait and borate treatment failures requiring a complete retreatment under the multiple areas of infestation rule. He provided an overview of the case details for consideration. Rule 620-6-.07(5) states, "Any structure under contract with a licensee found by either the licensee or the Enforcement Agency to have three or more separate areas of active infestation from subterranean termites within a five (5) year period shall receive a complete retreatment in accordance with the Minimum Adequate Treatment Standards". The Commission discussed the case details and considered all recommendations. The Commission discussed a response that would require the company to submit a Corrective Action Plan to GDA for consideration on future cases. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Sinyard requiring a comprehensive soil applied termite treatment and a refresh of the bait in the termite bait system. Mr. Holley seconded and the motion was passed.

- I. Mr. Lastinger discussed the 2014 regulatory timeline in accordance with the new 2014 rules highlighting the important dates to remember. Mr. Lastinger and Mr. Gorecki recently had a teleconference with GPCA and CPCO representatives requesting assistance with outreach to PMPs on the timeline. Mr. Lastinger discussed GDA compliance assistance efforts that will begin July 1, 2014 including cooperative efforts with the development of guidance documents, fact sheets, and training materials. Dr. Forschler plans to have the revised employee registration manual revised updated with the new rules by June 2014 for Commission review.
- J. Mr. Lastinger discussed revisions made to the SPCC Policy 13-01 Recertification Course Requirements. After discussion, Dr. Forschler motioned to approve the changes to SPCC Policy 13-01 as presented, Mr. Lastinger seconded and the motion passed.
- K. Mr. Lastinger provided a new compliance fact sheet SPCS: 14-03 *New Company License* to the Commission. After discussion, Dr. Forschler motioned to accept the SPCC Policy 14-03 with revisions. Mrs. Padgett seconded and the motion passed.
- L. Mr. Lastinger presented a new compliance fact sheet SPCS: 14-02 *Pesticide Use Record Keeping* to the Commission for consideration. Dr. Forschler discussed the need to revise the language in the concentration of pesticides section under the ready to use products. There was also a discussion regarding electronic pesticide use records and the timeliness of issuance. It was agreed that after the consumer has been notified and has signed the Electronic Communication Acknowledgement Statement provided in SPCC 14-02, an electronic pesticide use record is required to be available at the time of service to be in compliance with Rule 620-3-.02(1)(f). After discussion, Dr. Forschler motioned to accept SPCS 14-02 with revisions. Mrs. Padgett seconded and the motion passed.
- M. Mr. Gorecki will have the guidance documents posted on the Commission website. He also stated the Commission will be looking at guidance documents for ventilation and no treatment termite contracts.
- N. Mr. Rick Bell provided an NPMA update, specifically regarding pollinator protection language on pesticide labels. He discussed how NPMA and ASPCRO are working together to address concerns with U.S. EPA. ASPCRO plans to have a workshop for EPA pesticide registration staff to demonstrate what PMPs are doing in the field regarding pollinator protection and how the label language is applied by applicators.
- O. Meeting adjourned at 11:45AM and certification examination applications were reviewed.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses

Chris Gorecki, Chairman

Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

Attachment 1

Agenda

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Open - Chairman Gorecki

Minutes

Old Business

New Business

- a. New Company Applications
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Program Update –Dr. Forschler
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture
 - Department Update
 - Program Update – D Lastinger
- d. 2014 New Rules & Regulatory Timeline
 - i. Regulatory Timeline
 - ii. Outreach Activities
 - iii. Guidance Policies
- e. NPMA update
- f. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

Attachment 2

Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests

The Commission approved the following applications:

ARROW EXTERMINATORS-COLUMBUS, GA
BIZZY BEE EXTERMINATORS-GROVETOWN, GA
TERMINIX INTERNATIONAL-DULUTH, GA
SERENITY PEST SOLUTIONS-DAHLONEGA, GA
ALTERRA LLC. DBA ALTERRA PEST CONTROL-ATLANTA, GA
CITY WIDE EXTERMINATORS-DORAVILLE, GA
INTEGRITY TERMITE & PEST SOLUTIONS-CEDARTOWN, GA
VERTICAL PEST SOLUTIONS-DOUGLASVILLE, GA
KUDZU PEST SOLUTIONS-ALPHARETTA, GA
PINNACLE PEST SOLUTIONS-SNELLVILLE, GA
FOX PEST CONTROL ATLANTA LLC.-STOCKBRIDGE, GA
WELCH PEST CONTROL-HAHIRA, GA
GRAND SLAM PEST CONTROL-NAME CHANGE
SOUTHERN PEST MANAGEMENT – NAME CHANGE- NOT APPROVED