

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

September 13, 2022

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:05 AM on September 13, 2022, online via Zoom. The following Commission members were present: Chris Gorecki; Chairman, Derrick Lastinger; Vice-Chair, Dr. Brian Forschler, Greg Holley, Kim Bragg, 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. Holley to approve the minutes of the August meeting. Dr. Forschler seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission members congratulated Mr. Lastinger on receiving ASPCRO's Hall of Fame Award at the recent conference.
- E. The Commission reviewed the Business Naming Policy.
- F. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- G. The Commission reviewed a certification examination application that included disclosure of a possible crime involving moral turpitude. After further review and guidance by the GDA Legal Team, the application was approved.
- H. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA Urban Entomology update. The HBR Manual has been finalized. HBR Training will be held at UGA Griffin on October 20 by Dr. Suiter. Dr. Forschler spoke about some inquiries he has received regarding Formosan Termite findings in the Atlanta and Coastal areas of the state. He provided an update on the Economic Impact Survey project and asks for assistance from the industry associations to get the survey out.
- I. Mr. Tim Taylor provided the compliance and enforcement update. There have been 3 settlement conferences with unlicensed operators within the last month. Top violations for routine inspections include concentration of pesticide and amount of pesticide applied. Top violations in for-cause inspections include missing applicator name and license number and WDO's not reported on WIIRs. Mr. Taylor and Mr. Travis Whitley attended Florida Pest Management University's termite workshop and may consider some improvements to regulatory sessions at the termite workshops at UGA Griffin. In response to recent flooding and state of emergency, 11 pest control companies were contacted in Floyd and Chattooga Counties and no damages were reported.
- J. Ms. Nan Collier provided the outreach update. SPD staff will participate at the upcoming Termite Workshops in Griffin. The SPD outreach booth will be at GPCA's Conference in Dalton and other Fall conferences.
- K. Ms. Ali Ikner provided the certification and training update. The Georgia Pest Exam Management System was down part of the day on Friday, September 9. Contact the SPD office if help is needed to reschedule an exam.
- L. Ms. Ali Ikner provided the Honeybee Control and Removal update. The next training will be October 20 at UGA Griffin. This will be the last training before the compliance date. The

registration link to the training is posted on the HBR website. As of today, 12 HBR certification exams have been given, 2 have the certification license. HBR insurance inquiries are being referred to the industry associations, CPCO and GPCA.

- M. Mr. Lastinger and Ms. Ali Ikner spoke about drone pest application inquiries. A white paper will be shared with the Commission for future discussion.
- N. The Commission discussed the October meeting. It will be held in person on October 18 at the Savoy Automobile Museum in Cartersville. Pre-registration will be required to attend this meeting. The Public Notice 22-03 is posted and contains the registration link.
- O. Mr. Tripp Martin provided the legislative update. He thanked the Commission members for the invitation to their meetings, it is a great way to get to know the industry and keep them informed. Voter Registration is a big priority. Bills will start getting pre-filed early November.
- P. Mr. Rick Bell provided the NPMA update. West Virginia law now allows pesticide products for retail sale can be commercially applied without a license. NPMA has two candidates to be considered for the position for VP of Public Policy. Mr. Bell will attend the National Association of Landscapers meeting and report back to the Commission. ASPCRO's Annual Conference was in August with a big attendance record. He congratulated Mr. Lastinger for receiving the well-deserved Hall of Fame Award.
- Q. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.

ATTACHMENTS

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| 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 - Chairman Gorecki

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. HBR Implementation Update
- e. UAV Pesticide Applications
- f. Public Notice 22-03 October Meeting
- 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:

- Dale Richter's The Buzz Fuzz – Leesburg
- Guardian Pest Services, Inc dba Knox Pest Control – McDonough
- King & George LLC – Ft. Gordon
- Ridd Pest Control Charleston – Ladson, SC

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Bug Butlers – Forsyth County (name change, insurance)
- No Pest Co – Lumpkin County (insurance)
- Roberts Pest Solution – Gordon County (insurance, \$70 research fee)
- Hawx Atlanta Turf and Pest Control dba Hawx – Fulton County (name change)
- JD's Exterminating – Polk County (insurance, email)

The Commission approved the following name change:

- Kirkland's Pest Control LLC (100177) to Waynes Pest Control