

Summary from PFAC and New Garden Township on 7/10/2017 at 2pm

PFAC Attendees: Joe Miscione, Colin Carson , Margo Woodacre, Peter Thomas

NGT Attendee: Tony Scheivert

Chester County Conservation : Michael Zuk

American Mushroom Institute(AMI) :

Penn State Extension:

PA State Rep:

Apologies: Marion Carson, Daniel Rahn, Tracey Haun, Maria Gorgo-Gourovitch, Eric Roe

PFAC Mission: The mission of PFAC is to educate residents, government officials, and government agencies about the phorid fly. PFAC welcomes all residents who are suffering from this fly invasion of their homes. We support and take action in defense of our property, we offer and assist government agencies, state officials, community organizations, and academic research in the eradication of this infestation.

☐ News and Social Media

- Membership of the Facebook Public group is now 243
- Some phorid fly activity reported at the beginning of July
- Colin reported he had an increase in fly activity in his home in the last week
- A summary of the meeting will be posted on the Facebook Public page

☐ Harrogate PFAC/ HOA update

- The Harrogate team are continuing to take soil samples on a monthly rota
- Air sampling will begin in conjunction with PSU who are also air sampling at some mushroom houses
- Peter provided information on which products are still allowed to use Diazinon in PA. Most of these are edible products but are not grown in confined houses like mushrooms. In discussion it was requested that we try to determine why mushroom growers are not using other products such as Malathion. It was agreed to contact Eric Toedter to set up a discussion on this subject.

☐ NGT update

- The meeting with mushroom growers on June 15 was successful with around 35 attendees. Only 1 grower is currently using PHOR-EX but the majority believed that they would use it when the time is right.
- Tony is setting up a follow-up round table discussion for October with Senator, PSU, Dept of Ag

☐ Update from Fred Strathmeyer, PA Dept of Agriculture

☐ Update from Penn State Extension

- no update as they will report quarterly

☐ Chester County Conservation District update

- There is still a question over the mushroom stumps material that is removed following the picking. It was agreed to ask Nina Jenkins (PSU) and Eric Toedter to weigh in on the release of phorids from this material as it is removed from the mushroom houses.

☐ American Mushroom Institute update

- No update

☐ Any other topics