

BALTIMORE COUNTY FORESTRY BOARD MEETING

May 11, 2022

ATTENDEES: Glenn Ferenschak, Richard Anderson, Julie Wadsworth, Carol Lancaster, Marc Lipnick, Vic Sanborn and Rob Prenger. Guest: Scott Aitkenhead, Consultant. Glenn asked members to introduce themselves to our guest, which they did. Scott also gave introduction.

MINUTES: Glenn asked members to review the minutes which they did. Richard made motion to approve minutes. Julie provided a second. All were in favor. Motion passed.

TREASURERS REPORT: Richard gave the report. Account #1 currently has \$8,980.58. Account #2 has \$47.06.

NRCC: We currently have five students set to go to camp. We are paying for two. Other Boards paying for the other three.

WORKSHOP: Glenn mentioned that the workshop was rescheduled for March 2023 (3rd weekend?). We still have a reservation at the Oregon Ridge Lodge. Richard mentioned that we needed to recontact the speakers and get them lined up again. Carol mentioned that Kerry Wixted was doing a program on May 17 from 7 – 8:30 pm on “Woody Plants for Wildlife.” Richard said that he has given six refunds to folks. Five donated their attendance fees to the Board. Vic suggested we work on sessions regarding the measurement of Big Trees or maybe how to use forestry tools. Glenn mentioned the March 17 live, Bee Zoom Workshop. Had decent attendance, however, there were no Board members. Vic mentioned that most Zoom meetings were on at 2 – 4 pm on weekends. Ours was at 7 pm. Too late! Glenn asked if we should try another Zoom. Consensus was that folks are getting tired of Zoom. Vic also mentioned that the summer was not a good time for these workshops. Carol mentioned she took a hike at Irvine on Phenology with a few folks and Claire Walker. Carol asked if she would consider coming to our workshop along with Kerry and the bee speaker.

BIG TREES: Glenn asked the Board to reimburse Linda for some of the costs associated with measuring Big Trees. She asked for \$40.00 for gas, etc. Glenn made a motion to honor the request for Linda, Richard seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed. Richard to write check for her. Glenn asked Marc to explain BT Program to our guest.

OTHER BUSINESS: Glenn mentioned the FB Association Zoom meeting. He discussed some of the House Bills affecting Forestry. He also mentioned the Mel Noland Forest Fund and that they were seeking \$1,000,000 a year for the fund. He also said that the Forest Service will be hiring 13 people on contract to help with the proposed 5 Million Tree Planting Initiative that should start sometime next year.

The Board was asked to have a display at the White Oak Initiative Workshop to be held at the Ag. Center on May 26. Rob will set up the display. Julie will staff it.

It was suggested that the Board meet earlier. Richard suggested starting at 6:00 PM. Julie provided a second. All were in favor. The June 14 meeting will begin at 6:00 PM. Linda suggested that we also do Zoom meetings. Vic said we could set up a Zoom at Cub Hill.

With no other business left to discuss, Richard made a motion to adjourn. Julie seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Meeting ended at 8:30 PM.

There are 60,000 tree species in the world and many are threatened with extinction. Brazil, Colombia, and Indonesia have the highest totals for native tree species.

The world's oldest clonal tree cluster is found in Utah, USA. DNA testing has indicated that a group of quaking aspens named Pando is about 80,000 years old. Its estimated weight is thought to be over 6,000 tons, making it not only the world's oldest living entity but also the world's heaviest.