

BALTIMORE COUNTY FORESTRY BOARD MEETING

July 11, 2023

ATTENDEES: Glenn Ferenschak, Richard Anderson, Vic Sanborn (via ZOOM), Julie Wadsworth, Marc Lipnick, Linda Barker and Rob Prenger.

MINUTES: Glenn asked members to review the June minutes which they did. Linda brought up the Phoenix Wildlife requirements in order for them to present at the workshop. She asked for a vote to not ask them. Richard made a motion, Julie seconded, all were in favor. No to Phoenix Wildlife as a presenter. Richard made a motion to approve minutes. Marc provided a second. All were in favor. Motion passed.

TREASURERS REPORT: Richard provided report. Account #1: \$0000.00. Account #2: \$0.00. Richard wrote a check for \$550.00 to Oregon Ridge for Lodge rental. Not cashed yet, though.

NRCC: No students from Baltimore County. The question is why? Possibly last year's students didn't spread the word. Linda asked if we sent out info packets to schools. Glenn said that info sent like that almost never makes it to the teachers. We need to develop personal teacher contacts at the high schools. Richard mentioned that we did provide \$500.00 in tuition for a kid from another county. No word back on that, yet. Linda said that we need to find a way to get the word out in a more efficient manner.

WORKSHOP: Glenn mentioned again the big no to Phoenix Wildlife. He asked if we should have a spotted lanternfly speaker. Linda said maybe but not Davey rep. as they may be biased. Marc mentioned Soldiers Delight and Paula Becker (DNR Wildlife and Heritage Div.) to speak on the SD fires one year out. Glenn said that we need to develop a theme. Linda mentioned Nancy Lawson and that we offered her a \$200 fee for the day. Her fee is normally \$750.00. She wants to vet other offers first before committing to us. Linda feels that she is out of our league. She has had no additional communication with her. Marc said that Sam Droege will speak on Bees. Vic said we need to develop a theme soon. Linda asked if we want 5 Million Tree speaker. Glenn listed current speakers: Paula Decker, Sam Droege, Kerry Wixted, Audubon, Josh Bollinger. Linda mentioned invasive plants as a topic. Glenn, we need 5 speakers. Linda, we have 3. Marc asked if the workshop could go to 4:00 pm. Richard said we can go to 3:00 pm. Five speakers and end at 3:00. Vic asked about the Canopy Loss topic. She mentioned the Bay Journal article on this. Need to call Josh Bollinger to see if he will speak on it. Richard said we should have 40-minute presentations. Linda asked about a spotted lanternfly speaker. Richard asked what Kerry was talking about. Glenn said she is doing Woody Plants for Wildlife. Glenn said McDaniel is out. He mentioned topics of Woody Plants..., Soldiers Delight Fire update, Tree Canopy, Native Bees and Protecting Beneficial Birds. Glenn wanted to know what our overall theme was. Vic said, "The Birds and the Bees, the Forest and the Trees." The workshop date is March 16, 2024.

BIG TREE PROGRAM: Marc distributed his most recent Big Tree brochure. The chestnut trees at Oregon Ridge were discussed. Linda would like to get a chestnut on the list. Marc mentioned that he and Linda were working on new brochures with new photos. They will cover Cromwell Valley Park, Oregon Ridge, Marshy Point and Lake Roland. MD Park Service is distributing BT brochures at GFSP and PVSP. They will get 100 copies of each for the Parks to see how it goes. Linda will speak to a rep. at Hampton NHS.

NEXT MEETING: No meeting in August. September 12 is the next meeting. 2023, at 1:00 PM, Cub Hill Ranger Station.

With no further business to discuss, Richard made a motion to adjourn, which Julie provided a second for.

The meeting ended at 3:30 PM.