

Baltimore County Forestry Board Meeting

April 16, 2024

Attendees: Carol Lancaster, Richard Anderson, Julie Wadsworth, Marc Lipnick, Linda Barker, Rob Prenger, Anderson Schreiner and Nathan House.

Minutes: Richard noted a couple of errors in last month's meeting minutes (crediting talking points to Glenn instead of Richard). Richard moved to accept the minutes, and the motion passed. Nathan made the corrections.

Chestnut Sorting: The board sorted all the families of chestnuts for the seven people coming to pick them up. Nathan is coordinating with Glenn to notify people of the changed pickup dates due to backyard buffer seedlings not yet being sorted.

Linda had to leave around 1:30 pm after sorting.

Intern Anderson arrived at 12:06 pm and left at 1:51 pm.

Treasurers Report: Richard: currently \$_____ in the primary account. The other account has \$__. A \$756 check for Chestnuts was written and given to Nathan to pick up the seedlings from the nursery a couple of weeks ago. After sorting chestnuts, Nathan picked up pizza and was reimbursed with a check for \$43.75.

NRCC: Since the last meeting Richard and other board members met with the candidates for NRCC camp - David and Tobias. Dawn B. said if we decide to take the third person, who has now sent in an application, we can use our \$500 credit from last year. The new applicant is Leah Bagster-Collins. She is interested in restoration ecology, urban planning, and environmental engineering. She lives in Glen Arm and goes to Loch Raven High School.

Workshop: The board noted that the comments from attendees who were leaving workshop had positive comments. Richard noted there were 102 attendees and 118 people total present including board members. 12 people were no shows out of the 114 people who paid. There was a comment by an attendee asking for a tray of Vegan cookies next year. Another person left a long comment asking all speakers to mention deer management. Sam had the lowest ranking of all speakers. Kerry Wixted will not be coming back next year, as it is not a good time of year for her. Richard noted that we could decrease the number of presenters by one, and only have one presenter after lunch. Alternatively, we'll need to find a new enthusiastic speaker. Rob noted Paula (from Maryland Wildlife and Heritage) was entertaining and did well as a presenter. The board agreed. Richard recommended March 22nd as the date for next year's workshop which will prevent any conflict with St. Patrick's Day. The board tentatively agreed with that date for 2025. Carol mentioned the first week of March is when Gardenwise happens in York, PA, so that would

not be a good weekend to overlap with the workshop. The board took time to tally the scores for the workshop speakers rated by the attendees. Richard will total all the results together, and he will have those evaluation results for the next meeting. Julie offered to assist with this process.

Big Tree: Linda and Marc went to Prettyboy Reservoir. Last week to measure three trees. On Wye Island, Schoolhouse Woods nature trail (1.2 mile loop) was where Marc and Linda measured the state champion cherrybark oak yesterday. They measured other trees as well including a swamp chestnut oak. Marc has found the county champion mockernut 4 separate times for Baltimore county. Richard asked if there is a future focus for measuring certain trees. Marc said “tame” trees are next on the agenda. Meaning Mark and Linda will be measuring more trees in yards, and not ones in the woods. John Bennett, chairman for big tree program, will reimburse Marc for mileage driven to measure big trees. 150 miles for each trip over the bridge and back for Marc to go to Wye Island. Mark is working on big tree signage at Lake Roland. These will be etched metal signs, 8” x 6” There will be 10 more made likely in the next couple of weeks. The board will pay for them, \$400 total. “Sponsored by the Baltimore County Forestry Board” will be etched on the bottom of the signs. Richard asked if Marc could bring one of the signs to the next meeting or take a picture so the board can see what they look like.

There is a Statewide meeting for Forestry Board members in Annapolis the second week of June. Marc showed the flyer to the board. Most board members won’t be able to attend. A maximum of two board members from each county board are allowed to attend.

Carol had to leave at 2:38

NEXT MEETING: Cub Hill Ranger Station 5/21/2024 @ 1pm.

With no further business to discuss Richard adjourned the meeting.

The meeting ended 2:54 PM