

# Cecil Forest Conservancy District Board

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## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday April 3rd, 2024

6PM @ Black Hill Ranger Station

### Attendees:

Gabrielle Oldham	Ron Anderson	John Bennett
Kathie Jarmon	Dori Murphy	Mike Morgan
Tom Frederick	Matt Spiroff	

Gabrielle brought the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

The March 2024 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by the board via email on 3/13/2024.

### Treasurer's report

- John gave the treasurers report.
- No new changes were made to the Board's accounts.

### Maryland Big Tree Program Update:

- John gave the county report, and his report is provided below:

**MBTP Report –Cecil –On 3/24/24 Dori, Kathie, Tom, Harmony Miller and John measured/re-measured 11 trees on a private estate near Conowingo. List below:**

**American Elm – re-measure - 270 points**

**Sweet Birch – re-measure – 210 points**

**Blue Atlas Cedar – re-measure – 215 points – Cecil County Champion**

**Higan Cherry – re-measure – 168 points – Cecil County Champion**

**Corkscrew Willow – re-measure – 148 points**

**White Ash – new tree – 267 points**

**Swamp White Oak – new tree – 244 points – Cecil County Champion**

**Sycamore – new tree – 303 points**

**Norway Maple - new tree – 237 points**

**Sugar Maple – new tree – 260 points – Cecil County co-Champion**

**Yellow Poplar – new tree – 314 points**

A flowering dogwood at 73 points did not qualify

On 3/29/24 **Dori, Tom, Gabrielle, John and Leslie Leader & Tanner Shepherd (DNR Parks),**

measured 2 new trees at **Bohemia River State Park**. They are a **yellow poplar (417 points)** and **American beech (348 points)**. Both are new **Cecil County Champions**.

Later that day Dori, Tom, Gabrielle, John measured a **London planetree (302 points)** and **English walnut (201 points)**. The planetree is the new **Maryland State Champion**. The walnut was 9 points short of qualifying, but it is the Cecil County Champion. Then the team measured two trees on private property in Earleville. The **black walnut (245 points)** qualified; the **common hackberry (213)** did not qualify.

**In Maryland, 40 trees** were measured/re-measured as follows:

**Cecil – 15 trees – 5 re-measure, 10 new – 1 new State Champion**

**Baltimore – 10 trees – all new trees**

**Harford – 6 trees – 4 re-measure, 2 new – 1 tree remains as State Champion**

**Frederick – 4 trees – all new trees**

**Montgomery – 3 trees – all new trees**

**Howard – 1 tree – new**

**Kent – 1 tree - new**



*Figure 1. American Beech referenced in the MD Big Tree Program Report. This tree has 252 points, and is found in Baltimore County.*



**Littleleaf Linden – Harford – U. S. Champion**



**American Beech – Frederick County Champion**

*Figure 2. Trees referenced in the MD Big Tree Program report.*



### **Sycamore – Kent County Champion**

*Figure 3. An additional tree referenced in the MD Big Tree Program report.*

#### **Natural Resources Career Camp (NRCC) Update:**

Gabrielle provided the update.

- Applications for NRCC 2024 are continuing to come in and boards are working to approve them. Spots are still available for NRCC 2024.
- A NRCC Fellow has submitted a press release regarding NRCC to various media outlets in Cecil, in hopes of generating additional applications for NRCC 2024.
- Lauren Gilber, a former NRCC camper from Cecil County that now works for the Maryland Department of Agriculture has been invited to the May meeting of the Cecil Forestry Board.

## **Website Update:**

Ron gave the update:

- Ron presented a QR code display for use at the St. Mary Anne's Garden Market 2024. The QR codes will link users to various webpages found within the Cecil Forestry Board's website.
- Several items were uploaded to the board's website, and a number of trees had their records updated on the board's website.
- A list of changes to the board's website since the February meeting includes:

3/19/2024 – added March Meeting Minutes to the CCFADB Minutes Page

3/19/2024 – added Flowering Dogwood (FHRMA) BT-4501 to satellite map of publicly accessible Big Trees

3/19/2024 – created BT-4501 Flowering Dogwood information page.

3/28/2024 – updated BT-1645 Blue Atlas Cedar measurements on CC Champ page and info page

3/28/2024 – added BT-2700 Corkscrew Willow to CC Champ page, info page.

3/28/2024 – updated BT-2699 Weeping Higan Cherry measurements on CC champ page, info page

3/28/2024 – added BT-4540 Sugar Maple as co-champ on CC champ page, info page.

3/28/2024 – added BT-4537 Swamp White Oak on CC champ page, info page.

3/28/2024 – corrected picture on BT-2791 Common Apple info page

4/1/2024 – added BT-4544 London Planetree to CC Champ page, info page.

4/1/2024 – added BT-4542 Yellow Poplar to CC Champ page, info page – removed BT-1668, BT-1679, BT-1680, BT-3350

4/1/2024 – added BT-4545 Black Walnut to CC Champ page as co-champ, info page.

4/1/2024 – added BT-4542 Yellow Poplar to map of Publicly Accessible trees.

4/1/2024 – removed State and County Champion status from BT-4017 Pignut Hickory in Publicly Accessible Tree Map

4/3/2024 – updated BT-4543 American Beech as Cecil County champ, info page

*Figure 4. Changes made to the Cecil County Forestry Board website.*

## **Old Business:**

- Mike Morgan is donating 5 red chokeberry trees (or similar substitutions) for the Board to use as giveaway trees at the 2024 St. Mary Anne's Garden Market. Emilio Concari will be handling the giveaway of these trees.
- The 2024 Maryland Forestry Board Summit planned for June 10,11, and 12<sup>th</sup>. Interested members of the board are invited to attend, if interested let Matt Spiroff know. The event allows for two representatives from each board.

## **New Business:**

- Continued discussion about the 2024 St. Mary Anne's Garden Market. The board prepared a schedule for members & DNR staff to sign up to staff the Board's table/ booth.

- The May meeting of the Cecil FB is tentatively scheduled for May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Prior to the meeting the board members will meet to bag tree seedlings for the board to give away at the Garden Market.
- John discussed the Natural History Society of Maryland Tour that he is helping to plan. Tour is on July 12<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested should reach out to John.
- Gabrielle to stay after the meeting to begin amassing the Board's materials for the 2024 St. Mary Anne's Garden Market.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM.

**The next meeting will be held on May 1st, at 5:00 PM.** Board members will help with bagging tree seedlings for the Garden Market prior to the regular meeting. The regular meeting will start at 6:00 PM.