

BALTIMORE COUNTY FORESTRY BOARD MEETING

January 11, 2022

ATTENDEES: Glenn Ferenschak, Vic Sanborn, Richard Anderson, Julie Wadsworth, Mark Lipnick, Carol Lancaster, Linda Barker and Rob Prenger.

MINUTES: Minutes read, and Glenn asked for motion. Richard made a motion to approve. Julie seconded. All were in favor.

TREASURERS REPORT: Richard gave report.

NRCC: Our student from last year is still very interested in going to NRCC. Glenn said the student sent in his Letters of Recommendation. Richard said we may need to have him update his application, health form, etc. Glenn mentioned that we needed to do an interview.

CHESTNUTS: Glenn said that a few orders were coming in, but it is slow. As of now, 350 seedlings are spoken for. He also mentioned that we still needed to pay for them.

BIG TREES: Linda mentioned there was a need for funding for folks who are going out and doing the measuring. She said that the Big Tree folks were going to request a contribution from each forestry board, and that the request would be coming soon. Carol asked what the money was for. Linda said that it would go towards gas, postage and other operating expenses. They are asking for \$100.00 from each Board. Linda mentioned that not every Board had volunteers to do this, so some folks were travelling a long way to get trees measured. She went on to say that there is a great deal of interest in Big Trees and that they are steadily getting more calls and requests to measure. Glenn also mentioned that they needed to do updates on their web site. Consensus was that the Big Tree Program is getting BIGGER! Mark said that there are 20 more trees in Baltimore County that still need to be measured. Carol said they would probably go and do this the end of March or early April.

WORKSHOP: Glenn mentioned the possibility that we might be past the worst of Covid in a few weeks, BUT there still is not enough time to pull off the workshop. He suggested that we cancel, and all agreed. He mentioned that the bee guy would do a 60-minute Zoom presentation for us. It was also suggested that we allow him to sell his honey during the show. Program could be done on workshop date or some other. Glenn asked what we do with the registrant's money. Richard said we keep it until next year unless folks ask for it back. Vic said that if Zoom works and we are able to attract folks, let them know that we will offer 5 Zoom workshops over 2022 to make up for the one-day workshop. We could put a link on our web site. Richard liked the idea, but said they also paid for a lunch they wouldn't get under this format. Julie asked if we could possibly do 5 Zoom workshops. Carol felt this might be too ambitious. Vic said that we could spread them out. Richard suggested just doing one and see how it goes. Carol said we should get feedback to see how folks liked the Zoom format. If well-received, we do another. She said that Master Gardeners were back to Zoom. Finally, it was suggested that we send an invite for the honeybee Zoom meeting to ALL the folks who are currently registered and have sent in money.

ARBOR DAY POSTER CONTEST: Glenn asked Carol about the status of the contest. Carol said that all poster entries had to be dropped off at Cub Hill by January 21. Once there, she would pick them and set up a viewing/voting date with Board members.

OTHER BUSINESS: Glenn mentioned that folks needed to get their Ethics Statements in as soon as possible.

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

Meeting ended at 8:00 PM.

NEXT MEETING is February 8, 2022, on ZOOM

Tree Facts

Tree rings can predict climate change.

Dating a tree by studying its rings is called Dendrochronology. However, a tree's rings don't only reveal its age, they can also indicate the occurrence of natural disasters such as a volcanic eruption or a drought event. In the years of good growth, characterized by a healthy supply of resources, the ring is thick. It is thin when resources are scarce in the ecosystem. A [study by Somaru Ram](#) from the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology showed that the increasing heat index and temperature in Sikkim, India has had an adverse effect on tree growth due to high potential evapotranspiration—the rate at which plants lose water through their leaves. Such studies help scientists understand the impact of climate change.