

## Baltimore County Forestry Board Meeting

May 21, 2024

**Attendees:** Vic Sanborn (via phone), Carol Lancaster, Glenn Ferenschak, Richard Anderson, Julie Wadsworth, Marc Lipnick, Linda Barker, Kaitlyn Paulchell, and Nathan House.

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

**Treasurers Report:** Richard noted there is currently \$\_\_\_\_\_ in the primary account. The secondary account has \$\_\_\_\_\_.

**5MT:** Rob and Nathan introduced Kaitlyn Paulchell, the new 5MT Planting Specialist, and gave some background to Kaitlyn about the FB function. Kaitlyn is taking over Cara Dudzic's old role, and Cara is now the Forest Resource Specialist. Glenn asked Kaitlyn to think about whether she would be willing to speak at next year's workshop. Kaitlyn will probably talk at about 5MT at the June FB meeting.

**NRCC:** Baltimore county will be sending 3 students to the camp this year.

**Workshop:** Glenn notes the price for this coming year will increase at Oregon Ridge, maybe \$600 - \$650. There are new people working at Oregon Ridge who are learning the ropes. March 22, 2025 is next year's potential workshop date. Richard recommends that Wild Birds Unlimited is not charged as a booth next year, but instead they are told they can make a contribution, and just pay an individual workshop entry fee. The board will complete the paperwork required to allow Wild Birds Unlimited to sell at next year's in advance so they can sell their products there. Vic recommends sharing PowerPoint slides for audience members to download on their mobile devices so attendees in the back of the room don't have a difficult time seeing the presentation material. Glenn gave out evaluation sheets to all attendees and Richard gave out Workshop expense sheets to everyone. Richard put together the final evaluation sheets. Glenn noted there were a lot of good evaluation comments from this year's workshop. Paula had the best rating of all the speakers at the workshop, and Sam got the lowest. Kari will not be presenting at next year's workshop. Julie will reach out to Sarah Oktavec to see if she can talk at next year's workshop. Ryan Davis does Tree Talk, and Carol recommends that we invite him to talk next year. Vic will reach out to Ryan and share his contact info with Glenn to add to his contact list. Tree ID presentation could be added into the 5MT presentation. Marc says the 10 Lake Roland trees with ID plates could be advertised as part of that talk. Julie may reach out to an Eldrige lumber representative to see if they would like to present about wood product

utilization. would like compensation. Marc has had conversations with Brian Kane recently. Linda and Marc took data at Hemlock Gorge to send to Brian. After seeing the forestry data they sent him, Brian is interested in adding Hemlock Gorge to the Old Growth Network as a location for Baltimore county. Glenn noted that several years ago the FB and the Gunpowder Conservancy both recommend Hemlock Gorge as an Old Growth location. Nothing ever happened until now. 5 of the 10 largest hemlocks in the state are at Hemlock Gorge. Some of the largest yellow birch trees in the state also may be here. The board likes the idea of having Brian Kane give a talk about old growth forests.

There were some extra fruits and vegetables leftover this year, so less needs to be purchased next year. Kaitlyn suggested Oreos could be provided next year as the vegan cookie option. The board members agreed. Vic noted 10% of people used Venmo to pay this year. Julie offers next year PayPal can be option through her personal account. Richard proposes that Ari Cortes is invited to join the Baltimore County FB. Glenn will reach out to her and see if she can make the next meeting.

**Chestnut Sorting:** Chestnut distribution went well. Discussion ensued about procuring enough trash bags prior to chestnut sorting next year. Vic recommends buying 200 compostable bags for \$100 that will last the board for a while. She shared the link with the board, and multiple board members agreed. 700 seeds were sent to the eastern shore to outplant and produce next year's chestnuts seedlings.

**Posters:** Carol sent out and delivered all the certificates for this year's Arbor Day Poster participants.

**Statewide FB Roundtable:** Glenn and Marc will be going to the FB round table in Annapolis in June representing the Baltimore County FB. It will be three days long. The second day will be packed with meetings and presentations. Glenn noted the last statewide meeting resulted in funding being cut for boards; this was many years ago. Marc will show people at the meeting his tree ID project at Lake Roland.

**Website:** Vic will have more time to work on the website, since she is taking a step back from her museum volunteer work.

**BYB:** Nathan will send out the planting sheet that is color coded by species for board members that want to take a spare bag home with them. Next year information about BYB will be sent out earlier to get more potential signups.

**Big Tree:** Marc proposed getting 125 more brochures made. He has a \$50 off coupon for Staples. Marc recommends having a specific brochure for Patapsco trees. Carol and Julie ask if there is any funding from the state parks to produce the brochures. Glenn recommends that we pay for the brochures now. Marc proposes that \$400 is spent on

printing brochures for the general Baltimore County Big Tree brochures and Patapsco State Park Big Trees brochures. The board voted and unanimously approved his proposal. Vic proposes putting images of all brochures on the FB website to feature Marc's work. Marc likes that idea as well. Marc met Jane Ash who is the Field Trip coordinator for Natural History Society of Maryland. It may be possible to do tree tour with the group in October.

**NEXT MEETING:** Cub Hill Ranger Station 6/18/2024 @ 1pm.

With no further business to discuss the board adjourned the meeting.

The meeting ended @ 3:13 pm.