

## Baltimore County Forestry Board Meeting

July 9, 2024

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

**Minutes:** Richard moved to accept the corrected minutes, and the board passed the motion.

**Treasurers Report:** Richard noted there is currently \$\_\_\_\_\_ in the primary account. No change from last meeting. The secondary account has \$\_\_\_\_\_.

**Website:** Vic said the Website has had 500 hits. She announced Happy July 4<sup>th</sup> on the site.

**Liberty Tree Offspring:** Glenn brought up the tulip poplar given away at the statewide forestry board round table was an offspring from the last surviving Liberty Tree in Annapolis. Vic pulled information directly from the Allegany FB website to learn more about the tree. A discussion ensued about grafting, and whether “clone” was the correct terminology for a grafted tree. Glenn brought up that Anne Arundel County FB is using these Liberty Tree seedlings as money makers. Linda read the certificate of authenticity for the seedling, and it says that the tulip poplar is a certified seedling that came from the Liberty Tree. The board agrees that “clone” is the wrong term for the Liberty Tree related seedling. The board agrees to use “offspring” as the term to describe the seedling.

**NRCC:** The two students who didn’t show up for their interviews this year will have to interview if they want to attend next year.

**Workshop:** Glenn said Oregon Ridge has reserved our spot for next year. Oregon Ridge does not know what the cost will be yet. Ryan Davis with the Alliance of the Chesapeake Bay said “yes” right away when asked to speak next year. His presentation title is, “Fish Grow on Trees”. Nathan will reach out to DNR’s Nicole Carlozo to see if she would be interested in speaking at next year’s workshop on the topic of sea level rise. Submergence of tidal wetlands and global sea level rise are her main subjects of interest. Julie reached out to Sarah, and she would like to be considered for 2026, but not next year. Julie looked into Edrich Lumber as a possible speaker. She determined that their main product is now mulch, which would likely not result in a very interesting presentation. A shorter 5MT presentation around lunchtime could be an option for the workshop. Glenn and Marc recall that the 5MT speaker at the statewide workshop was a great speaker, and Glenn can reach out to her. Linda brought up Blue Water Baltimore as a potential option. Glenn and Carol explained that it is a conglomerate of five grassroot organizations who work to improve water quality. Glenn asked if Linda could reach out to Blue Water Baltimore to ask if they

would be able to talk about cleanup efforts for the inner harbor and tributaries. Carol tried to contact Lights Out Baltimore and hasn't heard back yet. Kathy Woods can be kept on the back burner as a speaker option for 2026 if Lights Out Baltimore can't present at the 2025 workshop. Richard, Carol, and Julie brought up that Kathy doesn't love speaking, but she's good at it. Carol said Lights Out Baltimore takes injured birds to Kathy Woods so there is a connection between them. Carol suggests potentially asking the aquarium to talk about their floating wetlands project for 2026. Marc said Brian with the Old Growth Network won't be able to make in person for the spring workshop because it is such a busy time of the year for him. Marc suggests that Jolie with the MD Big Tree program would be a good option to speak at the workshop. She did a presentation at Oregon Ridge 6 years ago around the time Marc got involved. A presentation of hers is on the Natural History Society of Maryland website for public viewing. Marc contacted Paula Becker with DNR-Heritage, and she is willing to present at the workshop again. Glenn says we have enough speaker options for the workshop next year if enough of the presenters say yes to our invitation.

**MDOT Grant:** Nathan read the MDOT application from CCBC. The board took issue with the significant cost for such a small number of trees. If the number trees was doubled (possibly resulting in greater participation from students), and the cost halved, then the board may approve the application. Marc calculated the total price, including CCBC matching funds, as \$650/tree - quite hefty. Putting in large 2" trees would take heavy equipment. In its current state the application will not get sign off from the Forestry Board.

**NEXT MEETING:** Cub Hill Ranger Station 9/10/2024 @ 1pm.

With no further business to discuss the Richard asked to adjourn. Nathan seconded, and the meeting ended.

The meeting ended @ 2:38 pm.