Baltimore County Forestry Board Meeting

April 22, 2025

Attendees: Glenn Ferenschak, Kaitlyn Paulchell, Julie Wadsworth, Carol Lancaster, Richard Anderson, Marc Lipnick, Linda Barker, Kaitlyn Paulchell, & Nathan House

Minutes: Julie moved to accept the minutes after making one correction. Richard seconded the motion and the minutes passed.

Treasurers Report: Richard shared with Nathan that there is currently _____ in the primary account. Nathan bought pizza for the board meeting for \$74 using Glenn's card.

Workshop: Oregon Ridge should be able to host next year's workshop on the 21st of March. Glenn suggested that we look at the feedback before planning the next workshop. Richard added that we should plan for speakers to present for 45 minutes and keep 10 minutes at the end for Q&A. Many attendees agreed that Ryan Davis gave his presentation too fast. Next year Carol will get smaller subs because people thought the subs were too big. Birds Unlimited will likely not come back because they didn't make enough money. Julie would like there to be a talk on tree communication next year. One attendee gave feedback that they would like to see information on invasive species presented. Kaitlyn suggests that having someone talk about the weed warriors program could fill that niche.

5 Million Trees Initiative: Kaitlyn tabled an Earth Day event at UMBC today and gave people information on seed collection and tree planting.

Arbor Day Poster Contest: Mason Graves is the only student who has received his certificate so far.

NRCC: Interview for a student today at 4:30 pm.

Chestnuts: Chestnuts were sorted and bagged during the meeting. Sara Kramer will drop off two of the packets for western region MFS staff. Glenn will cover pickups from 10am-12pm Friday and Cara will cover pickups from 12:30pm – 4:30pm Friday.

Big Tree: Marc has an extra ticket for the Big Tree Hike at Hampton Mansion on 4/30 if anyone is interested. Richard may be able to go. McDaniel College professor of communications and cinematography will film the hike and it will be shown on MPT.

Misc.:

 Sara Kramer introduced herself to the board. She is a new recreational planner for MFS working out of Cub Hill. She works statewide on State Forest trail programs. Nathan shared that starting next year it will not be required for board members, except Glenn as chair, to fill out ethics forms. The "District Boards" will be at the regional level starting in 2026. There will still be the volunteer county Forestry Boards.

NEXT MEETING: Cub Hill Ranger Station 5/20/2025 @ 1 pm

With no further business to discuss, the board voted to end the meeting @4:01 pm