

Baltimore County Forestry Board Meeting

June 10, 2025

Attendees: Glenn Ferenschak, Richard Anderson, Carol Lancaster, Linda Barker, Julie Wadsworth, Vic Sanborn (call-in), Sarah Lord, Nathan House, & Kaitlyn Paulchell

Minutes: After board members in attendance viewed the minutes, a motion to approve the minutes passed unopposed with a minor correction: Kaitlyn's name is listed in the attendees twice.

Treasurers Report: Richard shared with Nathan that there is currently ----- in the primary account, excluding the grant funds for MUCFC and MDOT. Richard reimbursed Nathan for the auger rental for the North Point State Battlefield MDOT planting.

All three MUCFC projects came in under budget. We're still waiting on confirmation from the Maryland Forestry Boards Foundation that they want the remaining funds back.

Workshop:

Linda suggested that Cylburn Arboretum could be used as an alternative location. We will have to check rental rates, catering options, and whether the distance would prevent some people from attending or, alternatively, allow more Baltimore City attendees. Glenn shared that the Ag Center used to be rented for free. Glenn shared that Brian Kane (Importance of Old Growth Forests) is available to present. Julie shared that Sarah Chillson (Collecting Edible Mushrooms) is a probable presenter. Vic suggested having 2 presenters before lunch and two after lunch. Richard suggested starting the event later, around 10 am, to reduce the cost of early entry. The early entry fees added an estimated \$100 to the rental cost. The later start date may also attract more participants. Julie stated that we should not allow presenters to sell merchandise at the workshop since there is an extra fee involved. The layout is not conducive to setting up extra tables either. Vic suggested looking for a Master Gardener who would be able to present. The owner of Second Chance has been creating pollinator habitat near his mansion with a gardener at 601 East Seminary. The board discussed asking the gardener or landowner if they would present on the process, and philosophy behind the project. We haven't heard confirmation that someone will be able to speak about the trees communicate topic.

Vic mentioned that it's more important than ever for volunteers to help with conservation efforts due to cuts in federal funding. Nathan reached out to Chelsea Dowell at MDA (Pests of the Forests). Chelsea asked a couple of her coworkers, but so far it seems unlikely someone will speak at the workshop since it is on a Saturday. Glenn suggested finding a presenter for Deer Pressure & Forest Impacts. Vic suggested telling presenters to use some data but not to make their presentations so data driven that we lose listener interest. Vic suggested finding a presenter to discuss the effect of lost federal funding on programs within the state and the

importance of volunteers and an invested public. Vic suggested that there should be better continuity between topics. However, Carol added that people liked the diversity of the last workshop. Linda suggested asking for volunteer signups at the event.

Carol attended a presentation on Moss and Lichen; however, the presenter lives in DC and may require mileage reimbursements. Carol will reach out to Harford Community College to speak on Moths and Night Pollinators. Glenn asked board members to reach out to potential speakers before the next meeting in June.

Arbor Day Poster Contest: Richard shared that he spoke with an art teacher from Honeygo Elementary School who had an impressive poster display, featuring tree-themed artwork. The Board will keep in contact with the teacher to coordinate future poster contest participation.

Carol discussed the need to reestablish connections with outdoor science education in schools. Previously there were educational events at Gunpowder Falls - Days Cove. Sarah suggested coordinating with Rec Centers for outdoor education events and poster contest participation. Carol added that we are missing public school participation, and we're mostly receiving entries from private schools and home schools. Julie mentioned that we only had a single student from a public school participate this year.

5 Million Trees Initiative: Kaitlyn shared that all 3 MUCFC/MDOT projects have been planted and came out under budget. There was a high volunteer turnout at two of the events. All the new trees have deer protection installed.

NRCC: Glenn shared that NRCC was fully booked with one student on the waiting list. Baltimore County is sponsoring 3 students, including a student who was accepted but unable to attend last year.

Misc.: Glenn shared that they are already starting the process of creating the new banking system for the Forestry Boards. We will not have an August meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Cub Hill Ranger Station 7/1/25 @ 1 pm

With no further business to discuss, Richard motioned to end the meeting and Julie seconded. The meeting ended @2:54pm