

Baltimore County Forestry Board Meeting

September 2, 2025

Attendees: Glenn Ferenschak, Richard Anderson, Linda Barker, Julie Wadsworth, Nathan House, & Kaitlyn Paulchell.

Treasurers Report: Richard shared with Kaitlyn that there is currently _____ in the primary account, excluding the grant funds for MUCFC and MDOT _____.

Workshop:

The cost for the Oregon Ridge room rental is \$888.93. Cylburn is double that cost, and Glenn shared that they not willing to go down enough in cost for it to be worth it. The workshop will have 2 speakers before lunch and 2 after. This will allow a later start time and save on rental costs. Marc and Julie suggest giving speakers 45 minutes, so there are 15 minutes for transition and questions. Speakers would start at 9:45am. The board discussed what a practical amount of time would be to set up and for letting attendees mingle before the event starts.

Richard suggests that Glenn asks Oregon Ridge if the tables can be set up in the entrance room (like we used to) just for the morning. Last year Oregon Ridge would not let the tables be set up in that room due to it being a fire hazard. Julie went to the Star Spangled Spectacular at Oregon Ridge this year and they had tables set up in the main room. 4000 people attended that event

Kaitlyn and Nathan plan to give a joint presentation about Growing Forests. Kaitlyn will talk about 5MT and Nathan can talk about the Forest Pests, Silviculture, and the Forest Stewardship Program (and plans).

The working workshop title from Linda is Forests- The Oldest, The Managed, Their Conversations.

NRCC: The board received 3 thank you letters from each of the NRCC attendees. Glenn shared that the camp was well attended with no empty slots. Glenn suggests that we could send Layla or another attendee some questions about the camp and have them send us a video response for the board to watch at the next meeting. Richard, Glenn, and Julie will come up with some questions to send to student. The board hopes to have Layla stand by the NRCC poster at next year's workshop so she can answer questions about the camp.

5MT: Kaitlyn shared that a revised application was sent in to extend one of the spring MDOT plantings using leftover funds from this year's planting. MDOT has not yet said whether the project is approved yet. Kaitlyn stopped by the North Point Battlefield planting a few weeks ago. Most of the trees appeared to be doing well, but there was some mortality as expected.

Big Tree: Marc and Linda will nominate a section of the C & O Canal in Frederick Co. which has “old growth characteristics” to the Old Growth Network. Marc and Linda took measurements on several species, including Shumard oak, that are one of the top 5 largest specimen trees in the state! The area is accessible with access from nearby Nolan’s Ferry.

The State Forests’ Big Trees Contest has been extended to December 31st. Linda shared that no new big trees have been found yet as part of the contest.

NEXT MEETING: Cub Hill Ranger Station 10/14/25 @ 1 pm

With no further business to discuss, Richard motioned to end the meeting and Julie seconded. The meeting ended @2:40pm