



CALVERT COUNTY FOREST CONSERVANCY DISTRICT BOARD

Autumn Phillips-Lewis, Chair *Dawn Balinski, Treasurer* *Kenneth Johnston* *Jill Lee*
David Hardy *Steve Stadelman*

The Calvert County Forest Conservancy District Board met on Wednesday May 10, 2023, at the Phillips House in Prince Frederick, MD. Members in attendance included Dawn Balinski, Autumn Phillips-Lewis, Chuck Gustin, Steve Stadelman, , Kenneth Johnston and Brian Stupak. Guests included Amalia Pleake-Tamm, Raleigh Sterling and Mary Sterling. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Autumn Phillips-Lewis, Chairperson.

Treasurer's Report

- Current balance - \$1,740.00

NRCC Candidate Interview

- The Board interviewed Raleigh Sterling, a junior at Northern High School. Raleigh is involved in Lorax Club, horseback riding, CASE classes and the Envirothon and has a great interest in natural resources. The Board approved and forwarded her application to NRCC.

Old Business

- Website update – With his impending retirement from the Board, Chuck Gustin has transferred all web controls and data to Steve Stadelman. Dawn Balinski is trying to contact a new web designer to update the website, but not getting any calls returned. The Weebly account will deactivate on 12/31/23

New Business

- Fall Forestry Event – the Board finalized the topics for the fall event. Potential dates are 10/7/23 or 10/21/23. The format will be a hands-on “how to” style and will include 3-4 learning stations on chainsaw maintenance, brush pile/den tree/vine mgmt., trail layout and pruning. The event will be held at the ACLT Double Oak Farm. A box lunch will be provided to all attendees.
- Big Tree Logo – The Board was presented with four new logo designs for the MD Big Tree Program and was asked to vote on their favorite design. Design #3 was selected by the Board.
- Landowner practices info – Steve Stadelman floated the idea of developing a landowner mgmt. practices idea brochure. The purpose of the brochure is to educate landowner about the various mgmt. practices that can be implemented on private land. Steve will work on a draft for the Board to review.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm. The next regular meeting will be September 13, 2023 at the Phillips House in Prince Frederick, MD. **The meeting will start at 6:00pm.** A farewell dinner for Chuck Gustin will be held at the Mexico Restaurant in Huntingtown on May 23, 2023 at 5:30pm