



CALVERT COUNTY FOREST CONSERVANCY DISTRICT BOARD

Autumn Phillips-Lewis, Chair *Jill Lee, Vice Chair*

Dawn Balinski, Treasurer *Kenneth Johnston*

David Hardy

Steve Stadelman

Amalia Pleake-Tamm

The Calvert County Forest Conservancy District Board met on Wednesday November 8, 2023, at the Phillips House in Prince Frederick, MD. Members in attendance included Dawn Balinski, Autumn Phillips-Lewis, Steve Stadelman, Kenneth Johnston and Brian Stupak. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Autumn Phillips-Lewis, Chairperson.

Treasurer's Report

- Current balance - \$4,642.00
- Expenditures
 - \$95.00 – Woods in Your Backyard tuition reimbursement (A. Pleake-Tamm)

Old Business

- Website update – The Board reviewed the draft redesign by Steve Stadelman. The new design reduces the number of individual pages from 34 to 13 and removes a lot of redundant pages (links, archives, etc.). The Board made a few more edits and Steve will finalize the design. Once approved by the board, a web designer will be solicited, and the website will be revised.
- Spring Forestry Event – the Board selected March 23, 2024 (8:30am-12:00pm) for the event with a rain date of March 24, 2024. The format will be a hands-on “how to” style and will include 4 learning stations:
 - chainsaw maintenance (Stupak, Lee)
 - timber stand improvement tree selection (Stadelman)
 - trail layout (Phillips-Lewis)
 - pruning (Johnston, Pleake-Tamm)

The event will be held at the ACLT Double Oak Farm and a box lunch will be provided to all attendees. Registration will hopefully be completed via the redesigned website and advertising will be done via DNR social media, So. MD News and the Calvert Master Naturalists. Logistics was discussed and will be ongoing.

New Business

- Big Tree remeasurement – Dawn shared an email from MBTP coordinator John Bennett concerning the measurement and remeasurement of non-native species. The Board discussed whether invasive or non-invasive non-native species should be measured as Big Trees. The Board will research a listing of Maryland non-invasive/non-native trees. The Board tabled the discussion until the next meeting, when the full Board can discuss the matter.
- ACLT membership – The Board voted to renew their ACLT membership for 2024.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm. The next regular meeting will be December 13, 2023. Location TBD. **The meeting will start at 6:00pm.**

