

**Virginia Native Plant Society
Potowmack Chapter Board Meeting
2 July 2020**

The meeting was held via Zoom. It was called to order at 7:35 P.M. by Alan Ford, president. Board members attending were Dean Arkema, Margaret Chatham, Margaret Fisher, David Gorsline, Scott Knudsen, Donna Murphy, Mark Murphy, and Patricia Salamone.

MINUTES

The minutes from the 7 May 2020 board meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Scott distributed the latest comparison of actual income and expenses versus our budget. Expenses continue to be much lower than expected. Our biggest anticipated expense (for internships) has not materialized at all; there is no native plant intern at Green Spring Gardens this year, and the Huntley Meadows intern is being paid with the money from last year (when the selected intern was unable to complete the internship). Our income is also much lower than expected due to the cancellation of the spring and fall plant sales and the gap in first Wednesday sales (these resumed in July).

MEMBERSHIP

David reported that we now have 538 members. Mark said that he is working with the state VNPS to launch a membership renewal campaign. Unfortunately there is currently no statewide membership chair to help with this.

PROPAGATION

Margaret Chatham reported that she is working to track our inventory of plants. Alan and Mark will discuss how to manage this.

NEW BUSINESS

Alan announced that Michael Reinemer has resigned from his role as Publicity Chair and from the chapter board.

The board discussed Margaret Fisher's idea that the chapter take on a broader role in its volunteer activities, for example, developing/championing legislative proposals or starting a campaign to work with plant nurseries and growers to reduce use of neonicotinoids and limit the sales of invasives. The chapter's role might be to serve as a channel for putting ideas forward to the membership and for pulling together members who are interested in working in those areas. We often have difficulty in finding volunteers outside of the core group of stalwarts, though, so taking on such a role might not be sustainable.

ADJOURNMENT AND FUTURE MEETINGS

The board meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:05 P.M. The next board meeting (electronic) will be on Thursday, 3 September 2020, at 7:30 p.m. The state VNPS annual meeting will be all virtual and will be held on 25 September. The chapter annual meeting will be on 15 November.

Respectfully submitted, Patricia P. Salamone, Secretary