

Virginia Native Plant Society
Potowmack Chapter Board Meeting
May 4, 2023

The meeting was held via Zoom Video Conference and was called to order at approximately 7:04pm by Vice President Mark Murphy. Board members present were Laura Beaty, Jen Brown, Margaret Chatham, Nelson DeBarros, David Gorsline, Scott Knudsen, Donna Murphy, Mark Murphy and Suzette Risacher

Minutes

The minutes from the March 2, 2023 board meeting were approved by the board.

Next Meeting

The next board meeting was scheduled for July 6, 2023 at 7pm via Zoom Video Conference.

Treasurer's Report

Scott reported that the plant sales are off to a strong start. He presented the 2023 budget and noted that he will have more information at the next board meeting.

Membership

David emailed the most recent Membership Activity report to the Executive Committee. He reported that the chapter has 713 members, which is about 25% of the state wide membership of 2,774. Chapter membership is up 15% from the same time last year.

Propagation

Laura reported plant sales of \$2,900 at last Wednesday's sale, despite the cold, rainy weather. She has an order of bare root plants coming in that the group will begin potting up and hopefully have ready for the May 20th sale.

Plant Rescue

Margaret mentioned that the plant rescue Katie Johnson is leading is continuing. She didn't know of any others that were planned.

Old Business

Scott is sending out checks for the internships for Green Spring and Huntley Meadows.

Mark will schedule the next meeting of the Scholarship committee to discuss the scholarship program.

There was no update on the progress of installing the bench at Green Spring.

New Business

Mark reported that the latest "news and events" email contained a call for volunteers.

It was suggested that Thank You notes be sent to new lifetime members. The board approved the proposal. The chapter secretary will send Thank You notes to lifetime members.

Margaret reported that she is looking for content for the summer newsletter. Scott will write a short article on the growing success of native plant sales. Nelson will write an article on the two state listed carex species he found in Fairfax County. Margaret noted she needed the articles by next week.

Mark reported that the chapter now has its own Zoom account. He also thanked Suzette for volunteering to host the May 11th meeting.

Margaret requested that the board discuss having dogs and small children on walks. After discussing the topic, Suzette suggested bringing the issue to the State organization diversity committee. She agreed to bring the issue to that committee and report back to the board.

Upcoming events: Margaret and Alan will lead a summer walk at Riverbend Park.

Mark will help Scott cover the sales table at the May 20th Green Spring Garden Day.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:12 pm.

Submitted by Jen Brown