

**Virginia Native Plant Society
Potowmack Chapter Board Meeting
July 6, 2023**

The meeting was held via Zoom Video Conference and was called to order at approximately 7:05pm by Vice President Mark Murphy. Board members present were Laura Beaty, Jen Brown, Margaret Chatham, Margaret Fisher, David Gorsline, Scott Knudsen, Donna Murphy and Mark Murphy.

Minutes

The minutes from the May 4, 2023 board meeting were approved by the board.

Next Meeting

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

Treasurer's Report

Scott reported that he has updated QuickBooks, made all sales tax payments to the state, and made the quarterly payments to Green Spring Gardens. He noted that the chapter is still in a strong financial position in 2023, with expenses running a little below budget and revenues a little higher. For the Green Spring sales day the chapter took in about \$2,500 in cash and check sales and \$4,500 in credit card sales.

Membership

David emailed the most recent Membership Activity report to the Executive Committee. He reported that the chapter has 725 members. There was one new life member.

Propagation

Laura praised the propagation volunteers, saying that she was very impressed with how quickly the new volunteers are learning the process and that everyone is very willing to help out.

Plant Rescue

Margaret mentioned Katy Johnson is continuing to lead a plant rescue in Fairfax City on Friday mornings.

Old Business

The Huntley Meadows and Green Spring internships have been filled. The chapter has provided the internship money to both organizations.

Mark reported that he may have to put the Scholarship Committee work on pause for the Summer.

Chapter member John Dodge passed away in November, 2022. A memorial for him was posted on the State website and in the Spring/Summer issue of *Sempervirens*.

The 2024 VNPS Wildflower of the Year was announced in March 2023: White Turtlehead (*Chelone glabra*).

New Business

Scott will send out a preliminary 2024 budget spreadsheet for the Board to review prior to the September meeting.

Mark reported that the VNPS membership system can process gift memberships and recurring donation and membership payments.

Plant sales for the July 5th sales were \$1,301 including \$898 in credit card sales.

Margaret Chatham reported that she is expecting articles from the two interns, so she isn't looking for as many articles for the Sept/Oct issue.

Margaret also reported she is working on scheduling a walk for August. In September Kit Sheffield will lead a fern walk. October's walk will be the annual Fall Color walk at Dyke Marsh.

The Chapter Annual meeting was tentatively scheduled for Sunday November 5, 2023. Donna will call Green Spring to reserve the room from noon to 3pm for 11/5.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 pm.