

**Virginia Native Plant Society  
Potowmack Chapter Board Meeting  
August 4, 2016**

The meeting was held at Green Spring Gardens Park. It was called to order at 7:35 P.M. by Alan Ford, president. Attendees in addition to Alan were Laura Beaty, Lori Bowes, Margaret Chatham, Roberta Day, Scott Knudsen, Donna Murphy, Michael Reinemer, and Bob Yacovissi.

**MINUTES**

The minutes from the May 26, 2016 board meeting were approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Scott Knudsen reported that accounting is caught up to June. State taxes were paid for the first quarter. In the first quarter we had more than \$2000 in gross sales.

We purchased QuickBooks online so more than one person can make entries.

The Cox Conserves check for \$10,000 given as part of the award to Alan Ford was deposited. There was a discussion about how to use the funds, including use for invasive management. Alan believed that these particular funds should be earmarked for educational and internship costs, which aligns well with the Cox award. The thank you letter to Cox was reviewed and edited for Alan to send.

**PROGRAMS**

Donna Murphy described the program line up for the fall and provided some additional details after the board meeting, included below:

- September 8, 2016, Thursday, 4 – 6 pm: Plant NoVA Natives Program.  
Alexandria Library, Ellen Coolidge Burke Branch, 4701 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22304  
Spokesperson from the Flora of VA board, Joslin Gallatin, will make a few comments on the Flora, followed by the Carol Zimmerman film Hometown Habitat. Sue Dingwell will kick off the program with a welcome and introduction of the Flora exhibit and Joslin will acknowledge the library as the host of the exhibit, the value of the Flora project as a reference and its role in education and botany in Virginia.
- September 10, Saturday, 9am - 3 pm: Plant Sale at Green Spring.  
Due to many calendar conflicts for our regular volunteers, we will need people to help staff the sale.
- September 14, 2016, Wednesday, 7 pm: Sam Droege Pollinator talk  
Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria 22306  
*"Pollinators, Their Importance and Status"* talk by Sam Droege, biologist, U.S. Geological Survey Patuxent Wildlife Research Center. Sponsors: Friends of Dyke Marsh, the Virginia Native Plant Society, Potowmack Chapter, Fairfax Chapter of the Virginia Master Naturalists, and the Audubon Society of Northern Virginia.
- September 22, 2016, Thursday, 7:30 pm: Talk on native plants (also serves as VNPS September Meeting).  
Alexandria Library, Ellen Coolidge Burke Branch, 4701 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22304.  
Alan and Laura will provide a presentation on native plants to coincide with the Flora of Virginia exhibit.

- October 8, Saturday, 10:30 am: Geology of Alexandria talk with Tony Fleming, possible field trip.  
Alexandria Library, Ellen Coolidge Burke Branch, 4701 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22304
- October 23, 2016, Sunday, 1:00 pm: Annual Meeting at Green Spring:  
Speaker, C. Colston Burrell, topic TBD.
- November TBD  
Jim Hurley (and possibly Marcia Mabee) on legislative topics.

**2017 MEETING: AUGUST 26 SITE VISIT**

For the 2017 annual meeting with Maryland and West Virginia, Alan is organizing a visit the morning of Friday August 26 to the site for the 2017 joint annual meeting – the National Conservation Training Center in Shepherdstown.

**ADJOURNMENT** The board meeting was adjourned at approximately 9 pm.

Submitted by Michael Reinemer