

**Virginia Native Plant Society
Potowmack Chapter Board Meeting
6 July 2017**

The meeting was held at the Fairfax Regional Library. It was called to order at 7:35 P.M. by Alan Ford, president. Attendees were Margaret Chatham, Roberta Day, Sue Dingwell, David Gorsline, Scott Knudsen, Pat Salamone, and Bob Yacovissi. David Gorsline has agreed to serve as our new membership chair, and we welcomed him to the board. Thank you, David!

MINUTES

The minutes from the 4 May 2017 board meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Scott provided the 2016 budget and actuals, the 2017 budget and year-to-date totals, and a proposed 2018 budget. He reported that we took in about \$5,500 at the plant sale, for a net profit of about \$4,700. The board discussed the proposed 2018 budget and agreed on a number of adjustments. The revised budget will be distributed to the board members for final review and then distributed to the membership in the next issue of the newsletter, in preparation for the chapter annual meeting in November.

MEMBERSHIP

Bob and David will work together to transition the chairmanship. Bob reported that our membership numbers are staying steady; we have 491 members, still about 25% of the total statewide membership.

VNPS has now been using NeonCRM for about three months. The membership database part is going well; Karen in the office still does the data entry. Mark Murphy (Donna's husband) has agreed to help with the implementation of the new Neon CRM software.

The board agreed with Alan's proposal that we give complimentary one-year memberships to the interns we support each summer.

PROGRAMS

There were no updates. Alan again urged board members to suggest possible speakers and topics.

2017 ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE

Alan reported that the conference is now 74% booked. The MNPS website, which is hosting the online registration, will be down for maintenance from 10-14 July. The registration fee will increase on 1 August.

OTHER

The third edition of the Plant NOVA Natives Guide has been printed, 4000 copies from our budget and 1000 from other funding sources. The new edition includes an additional page on grasses and sedges as well as Laura's phenology chart.

ADJOURNMENT AND FUTURE MEETINGS

The board meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:55 P.M. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 September at 7:30 P.M. The last proposed meeting date for 2017 is 2 November.

Respectfully submitted, Patricia P. Salamone, Secretary