

**Virginia Native Plant Society
Potowmack Chapter Board Meeting
6 June 2019**

The meeting was held at the Thomas Jefferson Library in Falls Church. It was called to order at 7:40 P.M. by Alan Ford, president. Board members present were Dean Arkema, Margaret Chatham, Roberta Day, David Gorsline, Donna Murphy, Mark Murphy, and Patricia Salamone.

Alan informed the board that Margaret Fisher has agreed to join us; she will act as liaison to the Plant NOVA Natives effort and will participate in our social media campaign. He also gave us the sad news that our friend and former membership chair, Bob Yacovissi, died in May; he will be very much missed.

MINUTES

The minutes from the 5 March 2019 board meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Scott provided copies of the updated budget versus actuals for 2017 to the present. He has completely separated the income and expenses for the Plant NOVA Natives Guide from our chapter expenses, as was discussed at the last board meeting. He has also made changes to clarify several items. He noted that at the 5-month point our revenue is slightly ahead of the budget and expenses are a bit behind, but he expects that to even out as the year goes on.

He also provided detailed plant sale data for spring 2015 through spring 2019 and noted that the income from the "first Wednesday" sales continues to be strong. The board agreed that the propagation crew continues to deserve kudos for their efforts.

MEMBERSHIP

David reported that there is now a "board members" group set up in the NeonCRM system.

PROGRAMS AND WALKS

Dean discussed several upcoming walks. The board agreed to co-sponsor the Friends of Dyke Marsh's September meeting, which will be held on Wednesday the 11th at Huntley Meadows Park, starting at 7 P.M. The presentation by Wil Hershberger will explore the world of singing insects using nature images and sound recordings.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mark has agreed to take over the management of our Facebook page from Lori Bowes (our former vice president, who has left the board and moved to Maryland) for the time being. We will continue to look for someone new to take over this role.

The next board meeting will focus on finalizing the budget for fiscal year 2020. Pat agreed to provide a draft budget as a starting point for that discussion.

ADJOURNMENT AND FUTURE MEETINGS

The board meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:50 P.M. The next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 1 August 2019, at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Patricia P. Salamone, Secretary