

**Virginia Native Plant Society
Potowmack Chapter Board Meeting
5 September 2019**

The meeting was held at the George Mason Library in Annandale. It was called to order at 7:40 P.M. by Alan Ford, president. Board members present were Margaret Chatham, David Gorsline, Scott Knudsen, Donna Murphy, Mark Murphy, and Patricia Salamone. Other attendees were Nelson DeBarros, a new VNPS member who is working at the Elklick Preserve, and Anthony Consumano. After introductions and welcoming of the guests, Anthony spoke about the Cub Run Park volunteers.

CUB RUN STREAM PARK VOLUNTEERS

The Cub Run Stream Park volunteers are part of a countywide initiative of the Fairfax County Park Authority. Their website describes them as “a group of active local citizens with the intent to create a stronger, more resilient, community focused around the vibrant Cub Run Stream Valley Park.” They are not a formal “Friends” group and have a looser organizational structure, but they do have a mailing list of about 140 people and a Facebook page. They are trying to increase their community outreach and involvement, and would like to partner with other like-minded organizations.

The board discussed what the Potowmack Chapter might be able to do to help the group (subject to the constraint that everyone is already busy). Possibilities include publicizing their volunteer opportunities, providing expertise to help them identify native and invasive plants, or leading an occasional walk at the site.

MINUTES

The minutes from the August 2019 board meeting were approved with one addition requested by Scott.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Scott provided copies of the updated budget versus actuals for 2019 as well as a spreadsheet with details about our plant sale income, which has so far exceeded the anticipated amount due to the ongoing success of the “first Wednesday” sales. September’s first Wednesday sale brought in a whopping \$1,179. (August’s take was much less.) In other areas, it looks like the 2019 actual income and expenses will match up well with the budgeted amounts, as was true for 2018.

PROGRAMS

Laura Anderko had reported via email on upcoming programs. Our chapter annual meeting will be on Sunday, 17 November, starting at 12:30. The speaker will be Dr. Peter Mecca who will talk about “Teaching Plant Science Using Service Learning and Citizen Science.”

PROPAGATION

The first Wednesday sales will continue through October. The big fall sale at Green Spring Gardens Park was on 21 September.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mark reported on other upcoming events including the Earth Sangha plant sale on 22 September.

Alan reviewed the current board vacancies: Vice President, education chair, social media chair, and publications chair.

ADJOURNMENT AND FUTURE MEETINGS

The board meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20 P.M. The next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 7 September 2019, at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Patricia P. Salamone, Secretary