

**Virginia Native Plant Society
Potowmack Chapter Board Meeting
7 May 2020**

The meeting was held via Zoom. It was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Alan Ford, president. Board members attending were Laura Anderko, Laura Beaty, Margaret Chatham, Margaret Fisher, David Gorsline, Scott Knudsen, Donna Murphy, Mark Murphy, Michael Reinemer, and Patricia Salamone.

MINUTES

The minutes from the 10 March 2020 board meeting were approved with one correction.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Scott distributed the latest comparison of actual income and expenses versus our budget. In general, expenses have been low since we are doing less. He also provided a report on sales of the Plant NOVA Natives Guide (PNNG) for the year to date. Alan and Scott continue to put in place a process to clearly track and manage the PNNG-related income and expenses.

MEMBERSHIP

David reported that there has been a small uptick in membership; we now have 516 members. He continues to work with other chapters to see whether they will accept electronic delivery of their complimentary copies of the Potowmack Chapter newsletter.

PROPAGATION

Laura Beaty reported that the plants in the propagation beds were doing well when she was there doing some weeding. The propagation crew will return in small numbers once the park reopens and they are able to park in the Green Spring lot.

No board action is currently required regarding the shed since Laura does not expect the repairs to be expensive. The shed needs to be lifted so that a foundation of cinderblocks can be laid underneath but is otherwise in good shape.

COVID-19 IMPACT ON CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Mark led a discussion of how we will conduct future chapter activities in light of the ongoing pandemic. For now we will continue to plan for virtual events, which have been popular. The board also discussed the possibility of holding virtual walks; apparently Alonso Abugattas is doing this already. Laura Anderko and Dean Arkema will contact Alonso about this possibility.

At Mark's request, Scott agreed to prepare an assessment of the pandemic's impact on our finances.

PARTNERSHIPS

The topic of whether, when, and how we should establish or strengthen partnerships with other organizations having goals similar to ours was introduced but tabled for discussion at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT AND FUTURE MEETINGS

The board meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:50 P.M. The next meeting (electronic) will be on Thursday, 2 July 2020, at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Patricia P. Salamone, Secretary