

Maryland Native Plant Society Board Meeting
August 29th, 2023 7PM
Zoom
Agenda

1. Call to order and welcome guests.
2. Approve prior minutes and email motions:
3. Treasurer's report
 - Report
 - Update on taxes - Lauren
4. President comments:
 - Confirm board meeting dates I'm suggesting Tuesday, Sept. 19, Oct. 24, Nov 21.
 - PO Box debacle - how to prevent this in future.

Old Business:

5. New Path consulting update- Lauren
 - New QuickBooks account established
 - Work hopefully underway
6. Field trips/Conference update
 - September trips - Sujata
 - Soldier's Delight trip nearly all set
 - Scott Barren compiling a list of possible field trip leaders
 - We'd like a trip on a natural pond and an invaded pond
 - Rod asked to broker a joint walk with Catherine Plaisant and John Klinobsky
 - Carol Bergmann to be asked to lead a field trip
 - Coordinating with Maryland Biodiversity Project? - Karyn
 - *Trip to Mt. Cuba - Jil*
 - *Trip to Delaware Botanical garden? Lauren*
7. Book sales and related - Lauren/Jil
 - Reprint landscaping booklets - Marney is requesting.
 - .30 per booklet Lolly Jewett issue.
 - Liz book sale request - low cost options for conference.
8. Monthly meeting Speakers - let's get people on the calendar for 2024
 - Pru to look into a speaker on the efficacy of removing invasives - Blue Ridge Prism, or Rod suggests Jim Hurley
9. *Marilandica* -
 - Contractor estimates - Jil

Fall newsletter costs can be estimated from spring invoices. Designer Liz Fisher says that the cost of her work will likely be less for the fall issue now that she has a template set up.

- Fall issue update - Jil
- Marilandica management plan for 2024 - Jil/Pru

10. MNPS tech updates: Pru, Karyn

- PASSWORD MANAGEMENT -Bit Warden may be best bet - Was someone looking into this???
- Systems and website:(website, Wild Apricot, Google Drive, Logging your time, drop box, banking, how to organize a speaker / field trip, zoom) - Pru
[MNPS How to ... run a talk, host a walk, edit the website, etc](#)
- Website: We should discuss what we want to do, how we can advertise to find someone to do the work, and set a timeline for completion. Karyn is leading this with support from Judy, Sujata, Pru
- Help with tech at hybrid meetings, has David found a helper?

11. Greater Baltimore Chapter re-establishment update: Judy? Sujata? Pru?

- Clare Walker wants to re-establish the Baltimore Chapter. Monthly field trips to instill momentum. Judy to support field trips, but Clare to lead.
- Sujata will please email Clare about Soldier's Delight
- Pru to ask Melinda Sigal if she would be interested in joining Baltimore Chapter - Judy

12. By-laws update: Judy

- Tidy language regarding 6 year board terms
- 6 year board terms with an option to extend term if $\frac{2}{3}$ of the board approves of extension

13. "About us" document for prospective and new board members - Pru

[Prospective board members](#)

14. List of native plant sellers - progress report - Judy

New Business:

15. Legislative update - Judy

16. Support HGNP - Jill

- Support Homegrown National Park. Past MNPS support includes advertising in *Marilandica*. Jill will contact someone to give a brief update at the monthly program during the 7-730p segment. HNP website was advertising a "Biodiversity Dash: A Friendly Competition Between States, May 24-June 18"
<https://www.homegrownnationalpark.org/> We could send an email (asap) to the membership, encourage members to review the guidelines and add their properties during this challenge.

17. Explore partnering with the Maryland Chapter of the Sierra Club - Diane

18. Webpage/fact sheet on how to determine nativity/rareness and appropriate plants for landscaping cultivars, etc.? - Lauren

19. Provide sourcing platform - Lauren
A centralized system for Fed, State, County, contractors to indicate species that they want but have a hard time sourcing.