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**EAB MEETING MINUTES – November 15, 2024**

**9-10 am via Zoom**

**ATTENDEES:**

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| Nancy Allred | Lajauna Smouse |
| Marilyn Kinkel | Sophie Sterling |
| Neva Leigh | Catherine Salam – Board Chair |
| Ann Sawyer | Maxine Yoon – AAMG Coordinator |
| Pam Hanna |  |

Absent: Susan Smouse

Guest: Judith Fulton

1. Chair’s Opening Remarks

Meeting called to order at 9:05.

1. Approval of Meeting Minute

September and October minutes were approved via email.

1. Guest Speaker
2. Catherine welcomed Judith Fulton, the VP of the Maryland Native Plant Society.
3. Judith is the Co-author of “Mid Atlantic Plant Invaders.” She is a member of the Md Native Plant Commission. She is assisting Lisa Kuder to implement the 2023 Maryland Native Plant bill. She is a Howard County Master Gardner and has her own Eco Plant Consulting Business.
4. The Maryland Native Plant Society mission of awareness, appreciation, and conservation of the habitat dove tails with our Master Gardner mission. This includes the role of plants, trees, animals and microbes in the habitat.
5. Suggestions for Collaboration
   1. Attend Md Native Plant Society meetings.
   2. Suggest, guide, and attend field trips to wild areas.

SIRC would be a good place especially when the orchids are blooming. Dennis Whigham, a native orchid specialist, was suggested as a guide. The members of the Maryland Native Plant Society would join the Master Gardners on the trip.

Action: Master Gardners and Maryland Native Plant Society would work together on planning the trip.

* 1. Judith will send a resource list to Maxine to be distributed to Master Gardeners. She also gave us her phone number 410-337-3701 and suggested we call her if we have questions.

1. Old Business
2. Monthly Meeting Speakers
3. December – Holiday Party (Chairs: Janet Clausen, Cindy Wells)
4. January 2025 – Paula Becker (DNR), “Living on the Edge”
5. February 2025 – Project Showcase

Pam Hana sent a message to the minister and board to ask for a discount on the church fees. She should hear back by Sunday.

We decided if we can’t confirm using the church we should look for an alternative place. The Bush and Odenton libraries have enough space. It would need to be open to the public but that might actually make it a better event.

1. Discussion:

Speaker Suggestions

March Shannon at Izel Native Plant Nursery “Natives. Sedges, Grasses and Rushes. Workhorses of the Garden.” Catherine will reach out to Shannon.

Lisa Kuder “Native Plant ID” She would like to present in person during the summer.

Pam Hanna will reach out to Noelle Chao, Watershed Stewards education coordinator about coming to our meeting to share information about their program.

1. Maxine’s Leave

Maxine will be gone from Jan 10-April 10 2025. We won’t have newsletter during this time.

If you would like to send cards her address is:

1152 Hampton Rd

Annapolis Md 21409

1. New Business
   1. Elections for the 2025 EAB Board

Nancy shared that in the past a slate of people was presented at the Project Meeting. They were for 2 year terms.

Current members should let Catherine and Maxine know if the want to continue and what their current term and position on the board is.

Neva will connect with Betsy Beck to find out if there are other procedures and how many board members there should be.

* 1. EAB Member Items

Ann will present at 2 libraries and 2 garden clubs in the spring.

Nancy suggested we do a program on herbs because 2025 will be the Year of

the Herb. Pam suggested a vendor from the Severna Park Farmer’s Market. She will check into it.

1. Meeting adjourned at 10:15

Motion Marilyn

Seconded Nancy

Next Meeting Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at 9am.