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**EAB MEETING MINUTES – Feb 19, 2025**

**9-10 am via Zoom**

**ATTENDEES:**

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| Kaitlyn Baligush – AAMG Interim Coordinator | Sophie Sterling |
| Marilyn Kinkel | Catherine Salam – Board Chair |
| Neva Leigh | Susan Smouse |
| Ann Sawyer |  |
| Pam Hanna |  |

Absent: Nancy Allerd, Lajauna Smouse

1. Chair’s Opening Remarks

Meeting called to order at

1. Approval of Meeting Minute

Motion made

Seconded

Minutes Approved

1. Coordinator’s Report

There were no updates from Kaitlyn.

1. Old Business
2. Monthly Meeting Speakers
3. February 2025 – Project Showcase and EAB Elections
4. March 2025- Shannon Currey (Izel Native Plants), “Grasses, Sedges & Rushes: The New Workhorses of the Garden”
5. April 2025 – Mikaela Boley on Weed ID Confirmed
6. April 5 2025 - Seed Swap
7. May 2025 – Plant Swap Marilyn Kinkel will chair Confirmed
8. June 2025 – Herbs No Confirmed Speaker
9. Collaboration with Maryland Native Plant Society Pam

May 3rd walk to view native orchids confirmed with Dennis Whigham and SERC.

1. EAB Elections
2. Discussion of Election Procedure – Trish was excused to avoid potential conflict of interest.
3. Actions
4. 8 X 11 Sheet with biographies of the candidates will be posted at the election table.
5. There will be a sign in sheet with a place to sign in showing attendance and a box to check showing they voted. Pam will send a list of active master gardeners that Sophie will develop into a sign in sheet.
6. Ballots will be placed in a box.
7. Neva will man the table.
8. New Business
9. Re-Pollinate Anne Arundel
10. Discussion
11. Lauren Toomey reported that the current space may not be available due to loss of grant funding. They may be able to store their equipment and seedlings at Sam Droege’s home temporarily until they find a place.
12. Some suggestions include Historic London Town and Gardens, the Dairy Farm, Arlington Echo. Reach out to Watershed Stewards for other suggestions.
13. If they move elsewhere, they can ask for higher donations from people who pick up plants. They can’t sell the plants currently because the location is a Federal Research Station.
14. Actions
15. Lauren Toomey will contact people and ask if the program can be moved to their location.
16. Pam will be EAB contact for Lauren to report to. She will update through email in real time. She will do a formal update at the next EAB meeting.
17. Project Chair Meeting
18. Discussion
19. Catherine recommended that the meeting will be in Mid to late March. (possibly March 15)
20. It will be in person at the Dairy Farm with a possible hybrid option.
21. It will be 2-2.5 hours. The first half will be procedures such as Annual Report, VMS, and Liaison responsibilities. The 2nd hour will be a 1 hour presentation on leadership in volunteer organizations.
22. Actions
23. Kaitlyn will send out a Doodle Poll will be sent out to pick the best date.
24. The liaisons will also be invited.
25. The possibility of a hybrid meeting will be investigated.
26. Policy Review
27. Discussion
28. It was suggested we wait until Maxine is back.
29. Policies reviewed could but not limited to include budget, and elections.
30. Pam, Neva, Sophie, and Marilyn volunteered to serve on a task force with Catherine and Maxine.
31. Action

Table until Maxine comes back.

1. Meeting adjourned at 10:02

Motion Pam Hanna

Seconded Marilyn KInkel

Next Meeting March 19, 2025 9 am