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**EAB MEETING MINUTES – June 26, 2024**

**9-10 am via Zoom**

**ATTENDEES:**

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

Absent:

Marilyn Kinkel

Neva Leigh

1. **Chair’s Opening Remarks**

Catherine opened the meeting and welcomed members at 9:18.

1. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Sophie Sterling Made the Motion

Susan Smouse Seconded

Unanimous Approval

1. **Coordinator’s Report**

**Email with Newsletter I do not know what this is.**

**Master Composter Certificate**

Anne Arundel County does not have a program. Vermont has an online version.

Action:

Catherine will check to see if it will be offered in 2024.

Maxine will send a link and check on the availably of education credit.

1. Old Business

**Evaluation Report:**

Maxine put the Evaluation Report on the site affiliated with the university.

Catherine would like the EAB minutes and agendas in the same place as the End of Year Reports and the Evaluation Report. She would like it to be on a Google Drive accessible to all MG’s.

Action: Catherine will continue to work on how we can set this up. In the meantime Maxine will email the Evaluation Report and all the supporting documents to all the Master Gardeners and Stephanie Pulley. She will invite them to respond to her with comments.

**Goals:**

A list of goals was on the last page of the report based on member feedback.

Action: One or two people per item from EAB will work on and report back to the EAB at the next meeting.

**Collaboration:** Pam, Maxine, Sophie to work on outreach to more diverse communities.

**Intern Participation:** Catherine, Maxine host a “how are you doing?” gathering for interns. Nancy, Ann, and Pam discuss bringing back mentoring.

**Year End Report:**

Maxine will revise the instructions and template.

**EAB Liaison:**

Improve Liaison/Chair communication. Consider how to determine Project Viability.

**Proactivity:** Consider a more proactive approach to getting topic and speaker recommendations from MG’s for monthly meetings. Susan

**Leadership Workshop:** Maxine

**EAB Project Chair Liaisons’ Updates**

**Tawes Garden:**

The garden is a new State Park.

Promotion of the garden is good and events are well attended.

They are planning a Native Garden Festival.

Goals are to replace invasive grasses and apply for a Unity Grant.

**Plant Clinics:**

Crofton is going well. They have seen some participation from interns.

Severna Park’s Groundcover Theme went well.

It was suggested we reintroduce the Mentor program for interns.

**Speakers:**

**July:**  SIRC Tour 9:30 am Confirmed

**August:** Research Farm in Upper Marlboro Social Confirmed

**Sept:** Ms Patel To Be Confirmed

**Oct:** Kevin Kelley Confirmed

**Nov:** TBA

**Dec:** TBA

There was some confusion about the July event. The previous minutes had it confirmed for another location. It was suggested we put all the dates for Speakers in the Agenda so members remember what was already confirmed last month.

1. New Business

**Budget:**

Maxine did not have an update. She said it is possible we will be able to pay an honorarium to speakers.

Action:

Maxine will continue to inquire about the honorarium.

**Meeting Adjourned**: Time? I thought 10:30 but that means we went over.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday July 17. 9-10 am

**Sophie Sterling** Made the Motion

**Maxine Yoon** Seconded