AAMG EAB Meeting Minutes
2 September 2015

Actions

- **Mike**: Newsflash with new intern class agenda.
- **Harry**: Send out the EAB Meeting agenda in a Newsflash each month, so that members interested in a particular topic may attend.

General and Old Business

- In attendance today were Mike Ensor, Harry DeLong, Carole Fullagar, Marilyn Kinkel, Susan Smouse, Don Steward, Joni Miller (via teleconference), and Kay Stringfellow. Rose Mary Swartwood, Polly Katauskus, Diana Davis, and Jean McCarthy were visitors. Rose Mary gave a speaker report and announced that she will step down from that role. Diana gave a presentation to propose a new project.
- Member meeting, 8 September: Mollie Ridout, Director of Horticulture for Historic Annapolis Foundation will speak on the Reconstructing of the William Paca Garden. We also will hear about Seed Swap plans, participation on the EAB, and the search for a new speaker coordinator. We will have a raffle.
- While we will continue to meet at the Harundale Presbyterian Church, Harry provided the name of the contact at St. Margaret’s Church, Laura Tayman ([laura@stmargarets.org](mailto:laura@stmargarets.org)).
- In order to conduct the business of some of our committees, such as Bay-Wise and Ask-A-MG, it is necessary to use “reply all.” We ask that members reply to all only when necessary. For example, if you are unable to be a Bay-Wise partner or sub for someone at an Ask-A-MG table, there is no need to reply to all. (Thank you.)
- Valerie Pawleiwicz has offered to design and teach an “easy ecological design” class in the future.
- Sara Tangren has agreed to speak at our meeting early next year on the subject of invasives.
- We strongly encourage our interns to participate in as many projects as possible.
- The new intern class will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., from September 15 to November 5. The final agenda will come out in a Newsflash.

Coordinator’s Comments

- The State Coordinators’ meeting was this week. There was discussion about structuring MG groups as well as developing MG leadership.
- Our local Extension office had two retirees this summer. They have added two part-time administrative assistants, as well as another shared person (for multiple counties) under a federal program.
Project Chair Reports

- Wildflower Garden at Kinder Farm Park: the flowers are prolific and tall, and the weeds are minimal! They are working on labeling the plants and planning to expand the garden to twice its current size.
- Apprentice Garden at Kinder Farm Park: They are weeding, harvesting, and planting fall vegetables.
- Hancock's Resolution: Garden doing great. Not getting a lot of visitors lately.
- Flower Show: Good attendance at the training meeting on August 27.
- Beekeeping: The bees are thriving at Quiet Waters, and they have added more supers to the hive. They are surviving at Hancock’s.
- Dairy Farm and Grow It Eat It: Grow It Eat It will have their state wide meeting at the Dairy Farm on September 9. Members of the Dairy Farm committee will give a tour of the gardens.
- B&A Trail: The garden is still looking good, despite the weather. Cleanup will be done in October. Good comments from passersby.
- Monastery Garden: They have added signage and bricks. Start work at 7:30 on Wednesday mornings.
- Ask-A-MG: Since Joe Marsala has had to step down as chair, Diane Trepanier has taken the chair position. Diane is working to get to know the teams.
- Facebook: They continue to post timely articles daily with a wide range of viewers.
- Bay-Wise: The numbers of visits have picked up, although there haven’t been as many as last year. Another new garden club may be interested in getting their membership certified.
- Arnold Elementary: Held a work day in August for maintenance. Another work day will be held for fall planting. Volunteers are mostly parents from the school.
- Seed Swap: The first workshop is Saturday, September 19 at the Crofton Library. It is open to all MGs and the public. It is approved for Advanced Training.
- Tawes Garden: They are locating and identifying invasives. The Discover Nature program, which meets monthly with preschoolers, talked about cicadas and did a garden tour looking for their shell casings.

Finance Report

- The balance is up $700 for the year.
- Income: $1250 for intern training; some committee income, mostly Bay-Wise; a grant for the Village Garden; and $95 in raffle money.
- Expenditures: $3,000 for bricks; $102 for Village Garden
- Interns pay $250 for the class. We pay the state $20 each plus $69 for the cost of the book.

New Project Proposal

- Diana Davis, a 2015 intern who has completed her intern hours, proposed a project in the Heritage Harbor community to use goats to clear kudzu from a one-acre area. She has received a $4500 grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust and a commitment from community volunteers to participate in this project. The plan is to use the goats to initially clear the kudzu, using the volunteers to clear any
remaining vines, followed by identifying the kudzu crowns and monitoring them for a few seasons to ensure they do not come back.

- The EAB approved this as a MG project with the stipulation that she add a stronger educational and demonstrational component. In addition to advertising the project through newspaper and television coverage, she will need to document the procedures and develop educational and speaker materials to be presented to our MG group and for the Speakers’ Bureau. She also will need to follow project guidelines and ensure that MG involvement is noted.