



Roanoke Valley Master Naturalists Quarterly Meeting Minutes
Sunday July 13 2014
Mill Mountain Pavilion, Roanoke Virginia

Attendance: Nancy Fabian, Bill Fabian, Beth Hawse, Sharon Vest, Larry Bradfield, Ann Stinnett, Dennis Woodson, Bill Dwyer, Donna Haley, Christina Koomen, Frank Sellers, Laurie Spangler, Scott Spangler, Nicole Bird, Antoinette Pepin, Robin Jordan, Martha Pillow, Freyja Lynn, Pat Taylor, Sharon Vest, Julie Mowles, Buster Mowles, Mary Harshfield, Gwinn Firing, Brice Emanuel, Gail MacFarland, Bruce MacFarland, (27)

Call to Order: The general membership meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM by Beth Hawse.

Old Business:

- **Secretary's Report (Bill Fabian):** The minutes for the April 2014 meeting had been forwarded to all members. Pat Taylor made a motion to forego the reading of the minutes, and accept the minutes as distributed; Bill Dwyer seconded and the motion passed, unanimously.

- **Treasurer's Report (Ann Stinnett):** Ann reported as follows:

- ✓ Total balance of the checking account as of June 30, 2014 was \$3,064.03, with some checks still not cleared.
- ✓ Deposits made totaled \$660.00, \$640 from Basic Course enrollment fees, and \$20.00 for mugs purchased at the April quarterly meeting.
- ✓ Checks written and credit card purchase in the second quarter were as follows:

○ Butterfly training at the science museum	\$ 50.00
○ Bill Fabian for Earth Day banner	\$ 83.18
○ Staples for badge set up	\$ 70.39
○ Mount Royal Printing for Native Plant books	\$ 268.00
○ Ann Stinnett reimburse for additional badges	\$ 30.99
○ Staples Cartridge to print badges	\$ 34.73
○ Allsorts for State badges	\$ 46.00
○ High Peak T-Shirts	\$ 473.32
○ <u>Total of Cards and checks:</u>	<u>\$1,056.40</u>

- ✓ A motion was made and seconded to accept the report, and the motion carried unanimously.

- **Other old business** –



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○ Invasive Species Removal Day was May 3rd. It was reported that we had a successful day pulling Garlic Mustard at Mill Mountain. We had a good turnout and removed 14 large trash bags full of garlic mustard from both the garden area and the roadside and along the trails.

○ Sharon Vest had coordinated a project event to trim overgrown azaleas at Happy Hollow Garden in Roanoke County, last summer. She organized an event to continue maintenance this year although they hadn't become as overgrown as we expected, and little had to be pruned on the azaleas so we weeded instead.

○ Ann Stinnet brought the t-shirts and safety vests with the Chapter and VMN logo on them that we could wear when we were doing service projects and other venues when exposed to the public. A number of t-shirts were sold at the meeting/picnic to the members for \$15.00 each. We still have 17 shirts available in the following sizes:

- 3 2XL
- 8 XL
- 3 L
- 1 M
- 2 S

Those interested in purchasing t-shirts should contact Bill or Nancy Fabian. The safety vests will be stored with the pruners and loppers that were purchased for the Chapter to help us prune the azaleas at Happy Hollow. They are currently being stored with the EZ-up shelter in Bill and Nancy Fabian's shed. If anyone has need of any of those items for project events, they should contact Bill or Nancy to coordinate pick up and distribution.

Subcommittee Reports:

- **Membership/Marketing Committee Report (Christina Koomen):** Christina reported on the web site, that she and Nicole Bird had been working on design and content. Beth commented on postings on Facebook.

- **Curriculum Committee Report (Nancy Fabian):** Nancy reported that Basic course classes ended on May 14th, and a practical exam was held on May 31st. We had also conducted a make-up practicum, although there were still a few who were unable to attend. Bill said he would schedule one more make-up practicum.



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- **Advanced Training Committee (Ann Stinnett):** Ann announced that we had had 22 people attend the Butterfly Garden Advanced Training/Continuing Education, and that in conjunction with Blue Ridge Foothills and Lakes chapter, 22 people had attended training at Mill Mountain. Ideas for continuing education were discussed. It was suggested that a Winter tree ID class would be appreciated. Dr. Toni Pepin agreed to lead such a field trip late in September or early November.

- **Projects Committee (Larry Bradfield).** Larry talked about the status of the Adopt an Overlook project we are partnered with the US Park Service and Friends of the Blue Ridge. He mentioned that Carl, the project lead, was having some personal issues and asked if someone else could take over coordinating cleanup dates. Bill Dwyer volunteered and proposed a date for the next cleanup. Bill Fabian discussed the proposed partnership program with Center in the Square, and said he and Bill Dwyer would follow up to get the project organized. Sharon Vest discussed continuation of the Azalea pruning at Happy Hollow.

New Business:

- Beth then conducted the election of new officers for the next two years. The final results in the election are as follows: Bill Fabian- President, Nancy Fabian- Vice President, Mike Crowder-Treasurer, Bill Dwyer- Secretary/Historian

Remaining Meeting dates for 2014:

For the 4th Quarterly meeting we will try to have an Advanced Training session in conjunction with general membership meeting starting at 2:00 PM. The large meeting room at the Salem regional library has been reserved for the 4th Quarterly meeting from 1:30- 5:00. Note that the meeting date was changed from the previously scheduled third Sunday in October since the newly elected president and vice president would be out of the country the last part of October.

- **4th Quarter 2 November 2014 at Salem Library**

Adjournment of Meeting:

With no further new business, Nancy Fabian motioned to adjourn the meeting, Bill Dwyer seconded the motion, and all members were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM, and the annual picnic commenced.

Minutes recorded and submitted by
Bill Fabian, Secretary
Roanoke Valley Master Naturalists