

Roanoke Valley Master Naturalists Quarterly Meeting Minutes

October 7th, 2018

Salem Public Library, Salem Virginia

Attendance: Donna Haley, Bill Fabian, Nancy Fabian, Sharon Vest, Pat Taylor, George Devlin, Phil Lockbrunner, Bill Wilkerson, Larry Brodfield, Frank Sellers, Regina Prunty, Tina O'Hara, Sally Noble, Elizabeth Bailie, Art Bailie, Dennis Taylor and Sarah Martin (17).

Call to Order: The general membership meeting was called to order at 2:05 PM by Donna Haley.

Old Business:

1. A Treasurer's report was submitted to the officers prior to the meeting as follows:

Beginning balance: \$5307.96

Deposits: \$115.00 (facepainting)

Total Deposits: \$115.00

Withdrawals: \$0.00

Total withdrawals \$0.00

Ending balance \$5422.96

It was moved and seconded that the Treasurer's report be approved as written, and the report was approved unanimously.

1. Vice President's Report: Tammi Cascone was absent , due to illness and no report was given.
2. Secretary's Report: Minutes from the last meeting (picnic) that had been previously distributed by email were approved unanimously.
3. President's Report: Donna Haley opened the discussion on the revisions of the Bylaws. Bill Fabian has made the following revisions, the most significant change is the Term Limit, it has been modified to allow longer terms. There will also no longer be any new Honorary Members. A motion to approve to accept changes to Bylaws was moved and seconded and approved unanimously.
4. Nominations for the new Board Officers were fielded, and voted on. All present and voted for unanimously. Our new list of Board Officers are :

President: Donna Haley

Vice-President: Tammi Cascone

Treasurer: Frank Sellers

Secretary :Tina O'Hara

Regina Prunty and Dennis Taylor will co-chair Membership and work with Tammi on the new class.

Programs and Projects : Position is currently vacant, please contact Donna Haley at, mgmom@outlook.com, if you are interested in helping to fill this position.

RVMN Board , Programs and Projects are open for nomination or volunteer appointment.

New Projects Report: Donna Haley (sign up sheets distributed).

Friday Oct 12-14 Roanoke Valley Go Fest 2018, (outreach special event)

Contact Nancy Fabian at nfabian55@gmail.com, Planting Natives/Protecting Pollinators

THIS EVENT WILL NEED A COORDINATOR IN 2019; NOW IS THE TIME TO PLAN/TRAIN WITH NANCY.....PLEASE contact her if you can coordinate in 2019.

Saturday October 20th Hokie BugFest at VT (outreach special event),

Contact Donna Haley at mgmom@outlook.com.

Catawba Creek field trip October 24th and 25th, contact Tim Miller,

Education/Outreach Coordinator , Mountain Castles Soil and Water Conservation District .(540) 797-0217, trailrunner95@gmail.com

Sunday Oct. 27th, Zoo Boo at Mill Mtn. Zoo (outreach special event)

Migration & Hibernation contact Donna Haley at mgmom@outlook.com.

November 3rd, Artisan Saturday 10-3pm at Explore Park. Migration & Hibernation contact Donna Haley at mgmom@outlook.com. Cynthia and Bill Newell Tree Identification, any more ideas?

Explore Park Coloring Book, Tina O'Hara is heading a committee to produce a Coloring Book for Explore Park, the theme Misunderstood

Wildlife. Anyone interested in helping contact Tina at tilley8@aol.com.

Explore Park backpacks , Insects, Wildflowers, Birds, Trees, Aquatics/ Pond Life (reptiles and amphibians) , anyone interested in helping contact Donna Haley mgmom@outlook.com.

Salem Museum, Art and Elizabeth Bailey along with Fran Ferguson, Executive Director gardens surrounding the museum....work to be certified as NWF Habitat.

National Wildlife Federation Grant to close in November , will apply again for 2019.

Status of Friends of Natural Bridge: <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofNBSP>

<http://friendsofthenaturalbridge.org/>

Come learn what the Friends of Natural Bridge State Park Group is all about. Become a volunteer, Wed. Oct. 24th at 6:30 pm EDT. Friends of Natural Bridge State Park Group Meeting, Natural Bridge State Park, Natural Bridge VA.

Donna is pleased that we have developed relationships with Community Partners in all areas of the valley, to make it easier for members to reach a place for meetings and projects. Explore Park, Mill Mtn. Zoo and Salem Museum help to span the valley and we hope to find more Partners to work with.

Saturday Dec 1st, we are planning to Car Caravan to Green Valley Fair Trip, [2192 Green Valley Ln, Mt Crawford , VA 22841](#). Meet at the Daleville Kroger; departing at 8:30 am on 1-81N. 1.5 hour one way.

Located just south of Harrisonburg VA, in the heart of the beautiful Shenandoah Valley, the Green Valley Book Fair is a discount book outlet store featuring over 500,000 new books at incredible bargain prices. Save up to 90% off retail on over 30,000 different titles in more than 60 different categories including fiction , history , health and self help, children's books, religion and so on and so on. Come join us as we restock our master naturalist books.

Anyone interested in joining the caravan contact Donna Haley, mgmom@outlook.com

Can you help with one of these Committees;

Education- Annual Training, Continuing Education opportunities and speakers for meetings.

Outreach- Educational Public Programs and Public Presence including a standing group who are responsible for Go Fest, Earth Day and other non-regular events.

Citizen Science- Coordinating current Projects as well as looking up new ones, reviewing potential plans, partnerships and participation.

Membership- including recruiting, recordkeeping , keeping track of potential members, newsletter, web stuff , posting information, media.

Hospitality/Social- Coordinating snacks at quarterly meetings, picnics and planning other outings and participation.

Bylaws and Chapter Dynamics- Review update and rewrite bylaws, review meeting place and time, event venues and more.

Contact Donna Haley at mgmom@outlook.com.

Unfinished Business:

Spring Class monitors and mentors needed (watch for email from Tammi)

Check on DGIF Salvage Permit class/ process.

Neighborhood Natives, Update Mary Roby/ Hunter Harley ???

City Nature Challenge(<http://citynaturechallenge.org/>

Blue Ridge Parkway WILD Citizen Science program

<http://www.brpfoundation.org/initiatives/wildlife-cameras-citizen-science>

New Business:

LOG YOUR HOURS INTO VMS! It's never too late! They will still be part of your cumulative hours, but will not

be recognized at part of 2017 report.

Hours are under reported so please do record them soonest! Make this your new year resolution and keep it, it's easy, make it a habit!

Meeting Dates 2019

Sunday Jan. 13th. 2pm , Spring class and more Location TBD

Sunday April 14th. 2 pm , at Explore Park (lunch as 1pm/Wildflower Survey 10-12:30 pm)

Sunday July 14th, Picnic 4pm at Garst Mill Park

Sunday Oct. 6th, 2 pm, Salem Public Library, Go Fest and more.....

On Hold/ Old Business

Virtual warehouse inventory

The meeting was then adjourned

NEXT MEETING:

The next quarterly meeting of the RVMN will be held Sunday January 13th, 2019 , location still to be determined.