

Maryland Biodiversity Project

Board Meeting - 2019.12.10

The Maryland Biodiversity Project (MBP) board met on Tuesday, 10 December 2019 to discuss selected open business. Discussion highlights are summarized in the meeting minutes below.

Meeting Minutes

- We like to start each session with a review of our mission statement and why we are here. We followed an agenda that reviewed in advance, which is generally followed here.
 - The Treasurer provided a financial summary and took some related actions. The Treasurer volunteered to create a Board of Directors Operating Guide to pull together the Board's critical information (e.g., web hosting, banking, incorporation documentation, etc.).
 - We discussed our financial investment strategy, which is focused on long-term sustainment.
 - We continued on to priorities and new ideas for 2020. A top priority for the team is a pilot effort to fund targeted data collection. Our favorite idea is a fall "Morning Flight" count. We all believe this is important work and very much in scope for the MBP mission. Jim Brighton has the lead and will kick off a discussion on scoping, schedule, risks, and partnering.
 - We discussed our continued interest in keeping the board energized and with fresh perspectives on maintaining and growing MBP. The board agreed unanimously to add Jane Hill to the Board as a member at large. We agreed that other members would retain their roles (see below).
 - We discussed potential updates to our by-laws. None are required at the moment.
 - We sent new business cards to several editors. Bill will send business cards to Jane, John, and Mike.
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- We plan to offer regular field trips again this season. We also hope to host a local bioblitz this summer. John and Jim will work together to coordinate these activities.
 - Bill captured and sent out action items.

Board composition

- Jim Brighton - President
- John Hall - Secretary
- Bill Hubick - Treasurer
- Jane Hill - Member at large
- Mike Walsh - Member at large

In closing

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