

Maryland Biodiversity Project

Board Meeting - 2022.12.06

The Maryland Biodiversity Project (MBP) board met on Tuesday, 06 December 2022 to discuss follow-on topics from the previous meeting. Bill, Dan, Jane, Jim, John, and Maren were in attendance.

Minutes

- Mission Statement: Catalog the living things of Maryland. Promote science, education, and conservation by helping to build a vibrant nature study community.
- Treasurer's Report
 - The Treasurer provided a high-level summary of finances including current bank accounts, recent donations, and upcoming actions
 - The MBP non-profit is in good standing
- Improvements to the MBP website were discussed
 - The website is being updated to be more universally mobile-friendly
 - Additional features are being added to allow users to explore biodiversity in new ways including seasonality
 - The website now supports the use of record-level tags and tag filtering
- The 10th Anniversary Celebration (held 11/19/2022) was a great success with more than 100 guests in attendance
 - The event and auction generated a net surplus that will go towards improvements to 2023 bird counts
- The Board reviewed the results of the 2022 Morning Flight Counts at Turkey Point and Dan's Rock and discussed plans for 2023.
 - Results for Turkey Point can be found here:
<https://www.marylandbiodiversity.com/project/turkeypoint/>

- Results for Dan's Rock can be found here:
<https://www.marylandbiodiversity.com/project/dansrock/>
- Season reports are being prepared for publication in *Maryland Birdlife*
- The Board has committed to continuing the counts in 2023 (and beyond).
Details of staff and accommodation will be discussed in the future
- The Board discussed the 2022 and 2023 BioBlitz
 - The 2022 BioBlitz was held at Marshy Point Nature Center in Baltimore County. The event was well attended and more than 600 species were observed! Results can be found here:
 - <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/marshy-point-bioblitz>
 - Sites for a 2023 BioBlitz were discussed with tentative plans to hold it in Western Maryland. Further details will be made available early in 2023
- No changes to the Board were proposed at this time
- The next meeting of the MBP Board will be held in early 2023

Board composition today

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

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