

## Board Meeting Highlights - July 13, 2021

1 – The Board approved the revised NNMN Operating Handbook, which will be added to the documents section of “Better Impact.”



### 2 - New Activities on the Horizon!

\*The Board confirmed that NNMNs may volunteer and receive hours for the portion of the WSP **pollinator project** that involves working in gardens and providing public education about native plants and native pollinators. The *non-native* honeybee portion of the project is not approved for NNMN volunteer hours.

\*The Board approved the **Oyster Education Activity** at Westmoreland State Park. **Eric Hentges** submitted the proposal. Eric will ask if BISP would like NNMN assistance with their oyster education program, and if so, Eric will add that park to his proposal.

\* **International Coastal Cleanup**, sponsored by Longwood University (VNM approved). The Board approved this activity that runs August-November. **Lee Arslan** is coordinating for the chapter. Anyone wishing to host a cleanup can become a *site captain*. Pick your place, date, and time; then contact Lee with those details.

She will organize a calendar of these cleanups so NNMNs may contact site captains to volunteer.



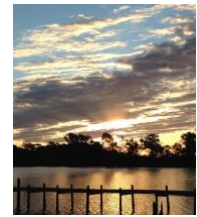
The trash collected can be entered on the Ocean Conservancy app, “Clean Swell,” which was used for the Winter Nature Challenge.

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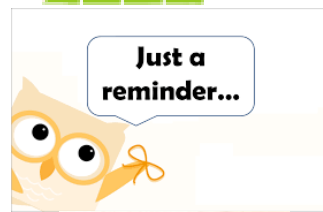
\* **GLOBE** is a citizen science project (VMN approved) initiated by NOAA and NASA, which asks volunteers to photograph the sky (clouds) and upload to a database. This information will supplement the satellite data collected. For this to become a chapter activity, VMN requires a “chapter lead.” The Board approved contingent on a volunteer coming forward as the chapter lead. Contact Porter if YOU are willing to take charge of this new activity.



Check out our new chapter website at:

## Northernneckvmn.org

KUDOS to the Communication Committee, chaired by Porter, for the work done to refresh and update the website. Take a look!





Nancy Joel reported that the Outreach Booth would be at the Heathsville Farmers Market on Saturday, July 17, which is "Kids' Day". There will be bird gliders (like paper airplanes) and coloring sheets of birds for the young ones. This display will feature native plants and attracting birds to one's yard. The Booth will be going to Tappahannock on August 21; to Heathsville and Irvington on September 4; and possibly elsewhere in September and October. Volunteers are always needed to help set up and take down the displays and to talk to the folks who come by. Please consider getting outreach/education hours by volunteering at an upcoming event! Contact Nancy to be put on the schedule.

## Programs

Kevin reported that Alonso Abugattas would be speaking at 7:00 pm July 13, via Zoom, on Reptiles and Amphibians of Virginia. This program was open to the public and about 20 people asked for the Zoom link. Several of the BTC applicants attended, in addition to our members.

The September program is actually the BTC class on Entomology. Dr. Shawn Dash from Hampton University will be doing the Zoom presentation. The date is September 14, and Dr. Dash will be speaking between 6:50-8:20. All members are invited to attend. Dr. Dash also plans

to attend our entomology/ornithology field trip on Saturday, October 9, 9:00-12:00, at Wilna, Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge in Richmond County.

Kevin is considering who will be our final 2021 program speaker for the November meeting.



Our Hospitality Chair Extraordinaire, Anne C, reported that there were 28

at the Chapter picnic at BISP on June 13. The food was excellent, the presentation exquisite, and everyone seemed to appreciate the opportunity to be together at the park on a beautiful afternoon. Thank you, Anne for a delicious and enjoyable time.

Anne is seeking volunteers to help with Fall hospitality events. Please let her know if you would be willing to assist.

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The Board discussed the possibility of resuming in-person Board, general, and /or program meetings, but the September program is a part of the Zoom BTC class, which only leaves November for a possible gathering. The consensus was to wait until January 2022 and evaluate the situation then. In the meantime, we can get out with each other in the parks and on the trails!

Charlene is seeking Nominating Committee Help!

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BTC Info coming soon!