



Education Committee Meeting

July 13, 2021 at 10:00 AM by ZOOM

Attendees:

Tim Maywalt, Phyllis Johansen, Carolyn Burgess, Mary Spear, Barbara White, Kathy Nepote, Martha Orton, Carol Wise, Penny Kaiserlian, Emily Ferguson, Allen Ingling, Phil Stokes, Pam Dorland

Minutes of the May 6th 2021 meeting were approved.

The following table summarizes ACTION items noted in this month's minutes.

Reference	Action Description	Contact	Due Date(s)
Training New Tree Stewards: Work Group Report	Mentors should read posted class materials prior to the dry run or each class they are supporting	Class Mentors	n/a
New Business/Tree Walks	Research potential trails outside Albemarle	Emily	Aug-Sep
New Business/Tree Walks	Identify tentative date(s) for Fall walk on Phil's property	Phil	Aug-Sep

UPDATES

Communications Committee:

- Registration has been open one month; with all slots full. Registration will be closed and anyone who applies now will be wait-listed. CATS will communicate/confirm their attendance by 8/19.
- One slot is a Madison County resident, but that is not within the Charlottesville/Albemarle CATS "jurisdiction". Is that ok? The Committee voted and unanimously agreed to include the applicant.

Projects Committee:

- Weather has been too hot to hold many activities.
- The committee meets on 7/14 and will post any upcoming activities to the website.

Education Committee:

- CATS is experiencing a culture change. We may have to schedule more classes, walks, etc., on weekends to accommodate working folks. Same for work days and work parties, which have historically been held mostly on weekdays.
- Resumption of live Tree Walks in September – 3 walks already scheduled (see schedule for dates). Public versions will be during the week; CATS versions on weekends (Saturdays).
- Tom Wild will be conducting a webinar on 7/20, 7:00-8:30pm, "Restoration of American Chestnut" via Zoom.

- Next Education Committee meeting will be September 14th at 10:00am via Zoom. (No meeting in August, due to kickoff of Tree Steward classes.)

STATUS REPORTS

Member Meeting Continuing Education

- Next meeting, July 28th at 9:30am via Zoom; “Role of Trees in Climate Change”, by UVA Professor Deborah Lawrence.

Training New Tree Stewards: Work Group Report

- Emily is loading MOODLE with existing class documents; quizzes will also be uploaded. Work products are mostly done.
- Staffing is coming together. Please review the Volunteer Signup (attachment) and note the dates where you will be needed.
- In MOODLE, each class has an introduction, speaker intro, summary and quiz. Mentors should review these materials for each of the topics you have volunteered for prior to the dry run for that class so you can answer questions from the students.
- Carolyn is heading up check-in/attendance process. If a student misses a class, Carolyn will follow up. Missed classes must be made up prior to graduation.

Tree Basics Classes

- At the October Board meeting, we will discuss the status of the classes that were offered this spring through OLLI; whether to offer the next spring through OLLI or through Tree Basics.

NEW BUSINESS

Tree Walks

- Should we consider conducting walks outside of Cville/Albemarle [since we are now including other counties]? Have we considered Piney River Trail (near Lovingston)?
 - Committee agreed to “go for it” to expand to new areas and broaden our offerings.
 - Emily to research some potential trails and report back to the committee.
 - We can target organizations within those areas to advertise the tree walks.
 - Phil to get back to committee about a Fall walk on his property.

Volunteer/Apprentice Opportunities in the Fall Tree Steward Class

- See attachment: Volunteers for Tree Stewards Class, 7-10-21. *Please note there are multiple tabs for all the information.*

Next Education Committee meeting date: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 – 10:00am via ZOOM

Respectfully submitted by Pam Dorland.