

Board Meeting Agenda Thursday, 16 August 2018

MAW Board Minutes 8/16/2018 started at 6:44pm

In attendance: William Needham, Elizabeth Hargrave, Tom McCoy, Thomas Roehl, John Harper (late), Jared Urchek, Bruce Boyer, Agnes Demianski, Connie Durnan

I. Minutes

1. William reviewed 31 May 2018 minutes

II. Reports of Officers

1. Vice- Harper

- John- I sent out an email with thoughts about the fair. I took a walk yesterday at Brookside. There are mushrooms to be found, but it was a little dry. I'm going to give them the standard set up that we used before. If we want to do some cooking we can, but doesn't seem educational since can't feed non-members. They seem okay a w/butane stove. They will let me use the overhead projector so we can display rotating display of photos. We have an adult classroom that takes 30-45 people. We can use our system to project there.
- William- that is what we've done in the past.
- John- I was thinking about a variety of 45min talks. These talks would be useful to an uninitiated person.
 - 1) What are the 3 main groups of mushrooms, then have some things at the end about how to use a key, how to take a spore print, names of the parts, what is the process.
 - 2) A talk on common edible mushrooms with pictures. If we had some on the table, we would take those to show them.
 - 3) Another talk on common poisonous mushrooms in this area. Can talk about toxins and personal sensitivities and look a-likes.
- Elizabeth – who is going to do it?
 - John- I'm asking for volunteers.
 - Williams- it would be better if John didn't give a presentation since you will be running the whole thing.
- John- we need forays also. First one at 11am?
 - William – that is before we start.
 - Connie- I see no reason why we can't start at 11am.
 - John- we paid for 9am
 - Bruce- when I get there at 10am, we are still setting up the tables.
- John- if we only have five hours, I am being overly ambitious on talks.
 - William- we usually have three
 - Elizabeth – I think you can do the common edibles and the poisonous ones at half an hour each.
 - Connie- and you need to be careful to make sure people don't miss the forays by being stuck in the presentation.
- Tom- so we need forays Saturday too?
 - Jared- one in the morning offsite.
 - Bruce- I can do one in the morning at fountainhead.
 - Tom- and we drop off mushrooms the morning of.
 - Tom- I can lead one of the forays on Saturday; will email Jared about location.

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- Thomas- I am available Friday and Saturday morning.
- Connie- I would do Carderock and call that DC.
- John- I'm going to get the index cards from Mitch.
- Bruce- does he also have the big placards?
 - Elizabeth – he might.
- John- and boats or plates for the display?
 - Bruce- I have those.
- William- I have the old banner.
 - John- The banner was hard to hang.
- Bruce- should I set up a NAMA table? What about a mushroom ID table?
 - John- I thought the main table was the ID table.
 - Bruce- I bring a lot of reference books at the NAMA table.
- Jared- I could do a talk on cultivation
 - John- that seems too involved.
- Bruce- we've always had at least a table for cultivation.
 - John- Danny said he would bring his logs.
 - John- we've never gotten stuff from Phillips for the Mushroom fair.
 - Connie- should be our local club supplies.
 - Elizabeth- a table is good. Jared's bags are fun to look at.
 - John- okay, show and tell table.
- William- having a couple of tables is good.
- Thomas- I can bring my microscope and link it up to my computer.
 - Elizabeth- seeing it on a computer screen is better than having one person at a time.
 - John- I prefer stuff that is not as fussy.
 - Elizabeth- I think it would be very interactive.
 - John- glad to let people do what they want to do. I think we've tried to do too much there. It is more important to get our name out there. Having a lot of mushrooms is the most important.
 - Connie- I disagree. Last year we had a fellow who contacted us before the mushroom fair to see if we could show him how to grow mushrooms for his science project.
- Tom- last year, our turnout wasn't the best, I can send out an email to our membership.
- William- we need people sitting in front, people to give talks, people to sit at tables, people to do forays.
 - Elizabeth – it is better to reach out to individual people.
 - Bruce- if you are going to man a table about cultivation, you can have other volunteers assigned to areas that they are interested in.
- William- I will volunteer to give a talk.
- Bruce- the people who identify mushrooms are the most important. If Mitch and Jon are not there, we might be lacking.
 - Connie- I will get Gerry Barton there.
- John- does Michael have the table cloths?
- John- I agree we are short on identifiers.
- Connie- I will wander around to make sure everything is working.
- Bruce- what about a table displaying what to bring out to the woods?
 - Connie- that is usually at the NAMA table.
 - Bruce- usually inside with the MAW table if we have a raffle.
 - Connie- we are not allowed to have a raffle anymore.

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- John- and I don't think we should do membership sign ups there.
 - Tom- I will print up the mushroom fair flyer.
 - Connie- we don't need membership sign up if we are not feeding people.
 - John- do we have extra copies of the Sporophore?
 - Thomas- yes
 - Connie- I have some magazines too. Do we need posters from the poison control center?
I can pick them up.
 - Bruce- If they have magnets, get some of those.
 - Agnes, Elizabeth, and Mitch will not be able to attend the fair.
2. 2nd Vice- Fournet (absent)
3. Treasurer- Hargrave
- William – I still need the password for the bank account. (Elizabeth gave it to William on a piece of paper.)
 - Elizabeth – our income is at normal levels for August. We've had a bunch of people paying \$5 to go on forays. We're still well under budget on meetings, half spent on funds for newsletter.
 - Bruce- I've been directed to pay for vouchers, they are \$315 to \$350. What budget are they going to come out of? My recommendation is forays.
 - Elizabeth – we don't really have a line item for forays. We have board discretionary, or Sequanota.
 - Elizabeth – how many are we getting?
 - Bruce- 200 pads with 50 slips each.
 - Connie- we really only use them at Sequanota.
 - Bruce we should use them at meetings.
 - Connie and William disagree.
 - Bruce- we do use it at the Mushroom Fair. Could we put it under that?
 - Elizabeth – this will put us over our line item budget in this area.
 - Connie- I bet WVA club would share the cost if they have a foray next year.
 - Bruce- I propose we add that to our foray budget.
 - William seconds
 - All members present approved.
 - Elizabeth – only 3 people have signed up to Sequanota; we need to advertise.
 - Jared- there are 6 people registered.
 - Elizabeth- maybe 3 payments, 2 people each?
4. Secretary- Demianski – nothing to report
5. Membership- McCoy
- Total membership 150 family, 13 lifetime, and 222 single, 386 total.
 - Bruce- the 13 lifetime members includes board members?
 - Elizabeth – just the emails.
 - Bruce- board members pay dues.
6. Culinary-Tasting- Dong - absent
7. Programs- Durnan

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- Connie – Max Dubansky for October. November is Allen Badiner. December is David Rust. He will talk about mushrooms you find in your garden.
- Tom- Max was going to talk about bioremediation. Want to ask him to talk about how he uses them on his farm. Is it okay if I email him? He has cultivation kits that he sells; I can send his contact info to membership to see if anyone wants items.
 - Connie- I already told him he can bring stuff to sell.
- Connie- for Sequanota we have Richard Jacob who is doing barcoding.
- Elizabeth- should we advertise?
- Connie: April FY19 – Walt Sturgeon, July FY19 – Heather Adams. Adam Herritan (?) has not responded to me yet. He spoke at the WVA foray. I have a couple of other names that I talked to for this year, but who said they could do it next year.
- Tom- I potentially have one for you; Barry Overton from Lockhaven University. He studies the white nose fungus in bats.
 - Elizabeth- that's another one we could cross promote with other groups.
 - Jared- there are a couple of people who are cavers who come to our meetings.
- Connie – back to Sequanota. We've never advertised, and it always fills up.
 - William- it is MAW members first, then we can open it up to others.
 - Connie- open it up after Sept 1st.
 - William – good guideline
 - Elizabeth- the way the form is set up, there is no restriction.
 - William- at next monthly meeting, announce that we will open it up to everyone.
- Connie- Shannon was asked to come by several people and do mushroom jeopardy.
 - William- seems like it might be good to have the science advisor give an annual talk.

8. Forays- Urchek

- Jared- We've been going out a lot.
- John- thinking about going to Lake Frank on Sunday.

9. Newsletter Editor- Roehl

- Thomas- Not much to report. Next newsletter is Sept; will include the mushroom fair, an advertisement Sequanota. Over 50% of members are getting newsletters mailed to them.
- Tom- I sent an email about John Dawsson about Eastern PA club, he writes a column.
 - Thomas- those are usually pretty long.
- Tom- I'd like to do a book review about the new Michael Pollan book, but I am crazy busy.

10. NAMA Trustee/NAMA Foray- Boyer

- Bruce- NAMA registration is up.
 - Connie- 169 registered so far, up to 250 allowed.
- Bruce- Elizabeth and I obtained a display table to show mushrooms that we can have at meetings and a camera connected to the projector to display images on the overhead.
 - William- we can try it at the mushroom fair before we do it at a meeting.
 - John- I remember Mitch used his iPhone and an app.
 - Bruce- this seems like a much more stable set up.
 - Tom- It worked well at the WVA foray.
- Thomas- I am planning on doing the Arlington Master Naturalist program. Their class is on Tuesdays from 7-10 through December.
 - William- with Mitch gone, and Jon gone, we need someone at the ID meeting.

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- Thomas- but for the camera, I think I have one I can loan you for a couple of months.
- William- bring it to the mushroom fair.

III. Unfinished Business

1. Purchase of materials – vouchers, banner, brochures, new logo?
 - Bruce- bought vouchers. Thomas and I agreed on what they look like.
 - Tom- banner ordered. On a retractable display. \$88 + shipping and handling to get it here in time for the mushroom fair.
2. T-shirts and MAW “store” (4/13/18 Hargrave/Harper)
 - Elizabeth – I have two samples. It is set up, but not on website yet. These are men’s cut t-shirts.
 - Connie- do you need to be member to be able to order them?
 - Elizabeth- no
3. Library
 - William- we voted to disband the library. If Fred wants to come and put the books out as a volunteer, is that okay?
 - Connie- but we should not order new books.
 - William- at this point it will be his own effort and will keep the disruption to the meetings at a minimum.
 - All agree.
 - Agnes- what if someone wants to donate more books?
 - William- we have plenty of members who are interested in books, all we have to do is let our members know they are available.
4. Meetings in Virginia (6/10 email from Katherine Regeimbal)
 - William- got an email from an Arlington resident with information. There is no cost to use a meeting room (according to her). The only issue is the 60 day maximum.
 - Elizabeth- we do the bulk Montgomery County booking, then decide which meeting to do there and cancel that meeting.
 - Connie- what about doing the white nose fungus talk there? Would target the Arlington Master Naturalists too.
 - John- check the cancellation policy of Montgomery County
5. Dogs on forays (4/20/2018 Urchek et al)
 - Jared – I sent out a draft in June and William revised it.
 - William – are we using it on foray posts?
 - Jared – on one of the last forays, someone did show up with a dog. Will send out the finalized policy and add a link on forays.
 - Connie- and no dogs on Sequanota.

IV. New Business

1. Sales at MAW meetings (Urchek 1 June 2018)
 - William- lets discuss what you had in mind.
 - Jared- I don’t have a proposal, I thought someone mentioned that people had sold things before.

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- Tom- If you want to set up your own table and handle your own money, that is okay.
 - Connie- as long as the library does not object.
 - William- I see it as a benefit to members who want to participate. Members can talk to Jared if cultivation doesn't work. As long as it is part of what we do, it is okay.
 - Bruce- In the past we've had a club member that supported a store supported by the club. That was a big hassle. The other time, Paul sold his own stuff. We asked that he donate a portion of his profits to the club. We did that for 7 to 8 years, until he couldn't come anymore.
 - Connie- I think it was about 10%
 - John- why did we charge him?
 - William- we could get some revenue flow, I see it could go either way. It fulfills our mission.
 - Connie- If you want to sell something at the mushroom fair, you have to fill out a form with them.
 - Bruce- can we sell at the fair?
 - Connie- yes, unless it has changed.
 - William- Danny is. We have sold things at the Mushroom fairs.
 - Bruce – things may have changed.
 - Connie- people have filled out forms for their own stuff. If you do it as part of our club, that is not necessary. A vendor must fill out forms.
 - Elizabeth- If you sell things as a non-profit you have to pay sales tax.
 - Connie- we used to have 5 or 6 vendors.
2. Viers Mill Park meeting venue (LaSala 8 June 2018)
- William- Member mentioned that Viers Mill Park would be a good venue for tasting or meeting, only \$50/hour for weekends, less on weekdays.
 - Bruce- I don't think we've ever been there.
 - John- they may have similar rules as the library for no cooking.
 - Elizabeth- the price is not much different than the library.
 - Tom- could be for a cultivation event.
 - John- a lot of those buildings are under-utilized.
3. Media events involving MAW notification (Needham 8 June 2018)
- William- I don't remember what this is.
4. Sporophore cartoons (Dong, Roehl 9 July 2018)
- William- there was an email exchange about a cartoon that could be construed as offensive.
 - Agnes- it is a common trope about mushrooms.
 - Elizabeth- I thought the email exchange dealt with it fine.
 - William- political cartoons are by definition not politically correct.
5. Yearly program on Mushrooms 101 (Fordley, Michelle 7 August 2018)
- William- At the meeting, someone suggested we have an annual mushrooms 101 meeting. I was thinking to have an annual "new people" meeting, with an elementary level talk, to get a fundamental level of understanding.
 - Elizabeth- we've done that at the mushroom fair.
 - William- but this would be for members
 - Tom- can we do that at the beginning of the mushroom ID meeting?

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- Elizabeth – there could be 2 tracks at the ID meeting.
 - Jared- I like the double track idea at the mushroom ID mtg.
 - Elizabeth- but it might be hard to deal with in one room.
 - William- I can give it a try.
 - Connie- I think you should get Thomas involved.
 - Connie- I often hear from members, half don't like the technical stuff and some get bored with the basic stuff.
 - William- first meeting of the year might be good.
 - Tom- I like the idea of having a mushroom to focus on at every meeting. As part of that, we could add in some other generic mushroom education.
 - William- important for the people who do the mushrooms that we have on the table. People get bored when it is all scientific names.
 - Bruce- if we are going to talk about mushroom 101, the person should have a few mushrooms to go through the step characteristics to be able to ID.
 - Jared- we've never stepped into any video or digital educational material. This could be a good way to start.
 - Connie- the Master Naturalists record their classes. We could do that for a mushrooms 101 class.
 - Thomas- that would eat up our memory.
 - William- Michelle also said she could be a host for a speaker if needed.
 - Connie- but is she willing to pick them up at the airport?
 - William- I think we should try a mushroom 101 talk in February.
6. Journalist query (Kat Furby Washington Post article 10 August 2018)
- William- Thomas has partially answered. She asked to attend a foray in the VA area.
 - Jared- I wrote back too, she hasn't responded yet.
 - Connie- the article about Jared was well written.
7. Foray to Virginia Environmental Area (Needham 13 August 2018)
- William – I am involved in this to get us into VA more. Near Thoroughfare Mountain, it is a new preserve. They want to do a mushroom thing and this could be the beginning of a continuous relationship. I would like to do a MAW foray with a partner; Thomas or Jared possibly. Will find a date that is amenable. It will be an open foray. We have to meet in a Walmart parking lot because it is hard to find.
 - Jared- early October would be better for me.
 - Bruce- would prefer last week of September.
8. Fungus Walk Wolf Trap (annual event) (Needham 13 August 2018)
- William- The guy who runs Wolf Trap asked me to lead a walk and asked if it could be an annual event to know the mushrooms there. It will be Sept 2nd.
 - Elizabeth- for the public?
 - William- some Wolf Trap group.
9. Hiking and Fungi at LL Bean and REI (Needham 13 August 2018)
- William- I have been giving talks at REI and I suggested a mushroom talk. Will also be giving a talk at LL Bean on Friday. Will use the MAW logo and will try to advertise.
10. Other foray requests (Durnan, Harper 13 August 2018)
- William- Connie received a request through the Master Naturalists.

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- Connie- I sent an email asking for more information, but have not received a reply.

11. Scope for Brett Smith(?) (Durnan 14 August 2018)

- William- Connie brought this up.
- Connie- There is a kid giving talks on mushrooms. At the WVA foray, he was doing so much; his parents want to get him a microscope. Someone is donating his registration fee to NAMA, and is willing to donate money for a microscope for Brett.
 - Elizabeth- the parents are very supportive.
- Connie- I will ask anyone at our club and at WVA for donations, and Shannon will help find the appropriate scope.
 - Elizabeth- you should ask Shannon how much it would cost.
 - Connie- I trust Shannon to find something that is age appropriate.
- Bruce- we have a line item for education. I'd like to propose a scholarship to bring him to Sequanota.
 - William- reasonable to use the line- item to use as a donation.
 - Elizabeth- I would feel better if an application was available to everyone.
 - Bruce- but who is willing to set up an application?
 - John- I think it is okay if we stumble across a worthy person.
- Elizabeth- We should say somewhere that money is available for anyone to ask for.
 - Connie- I asked for money last year.
 - Thomas- I put it in the newsletter once.
 - Elizabeth- I think there should be a blurb once a year to let people know.
 - William- our approach of targets of opportunity is good. All of these people have recognized the abilities of this individual.
 - Elizabeth- everyone in MAW should know that they can ask for money.
 - Agnes- should be mentioned at a meeting at least once a year.
 - Thomas- I made a form for Ophelia to fill out once; I can try to find that.
- Connie- The speech he gave at the WVA foray in appreciation for Gary Lincoff is on you tube. I will contact the parents.

12. Election cycle – board member to head committee and board continuity

- William – we need to have a nominating committee.
- Connie – I need to drop off the board. I have speakers through this year and a couple next year. Okay if board meets here.
 - William – many years ago we met at a restaurant, but that is cumbersome.
- William – This is a watershed time, a number of people have been in their current positions for some time, so think about changing positions. I have another year as president, cannot do that and program chair. This is a good year to have a shuffle.
 - Bruce- there are no term limits, but we have asked, if you are going to run, do it for two years at least, and for vice presidents to consider presidency after their VP term.
- William- Program chair is not that hard to do
 - Bruce- good to find speakers if you go to NAMA forays.
- Elizabeth- what is the timeline for us to get the coordinating committee together?
- William- we also need a board member to head the committee. Elizabeth has done it once, Bruce has done it, Connie has done it. Will need to get two MAW members. I'll send it out
- Bruce- we ought to make an announcement at the sept meeting to say who the board member is and ask people to volunteer.

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- John- you could set up another email called nominating committee.
- William- last year I sent emails to people and got them to approve the slate. It's only three people.
- Elizabeth- I never got any volunteered information. You have to reach out to people.
- Elizabeth- Matt might be willing to join the board.
- Bruce- it is not necessary to be an existing board member to be Program Chair.

13. WVA foray.

- Connie- The women who have been running the club are stepping down and they have no one to take over. It might not happen.
- Elizabeth – Chip will step up.
- Connie- we could make it a joint foray or a NAMA regional foray; but we won't do anything until we know what WVA decides. It is their venue.
- Tom- I think Chip is in charge.
- Elizabeth- I would prefer to turn that one into a regional foray rather than doing a separate joint foray.

V. Reports of Special Committees, Projects, and Forays

1. Mycoflora Committee – Sequanota species and specimens -Query from dog owner

- Thomas- we need to decide what a quorum is and how many votes we need to do stuff.
- Bruce- there are 2 labs that will accept samples, but I have been advised not to send the cards because they get messy info.
 - William- I would send the card.
 - Bruce- I would run it by Shannon.
- Elizabeth- In addition, I propose you learn what the preferred method is, and get them ready for the Sequanota.
- Thomas- I propose we order kits from Mycoflora and I have a plan for things found on forays and how to decide what to sequence.
 - Bruce- Which mushrooms are sequenced should not be up to individuals.
- William- I suggest we send the cards, and buy two kits.
- Bruce- I think four people is a quorum.
- William- I think we should go ahead.
- Agnes- will send a message to Shannon to ask if cards are worth sequencing and will contact lab at Duke to confirm that they will process cards if sent.
- Bruce- if anyone needs dried samples, I have them.
- Thomas- what is an official quorum number?
 - William- since we have eight members, it should be 5.
 - Thomas- I think it should be half to speed things up.

VI. Adjourn at 9:40pm

1. Board Meeting 29 November