

GLC Board Meeting Teleconference Summary 1/31/20

Attending: Emily Douglas, Irene Eiseman, Phyllis Higman, Carolyn Miller, Liana May, and Derek Shiels. Meeting started promptly at 12:00 pm.

- **Student Foray Sponsorship** – The next MBC spring Foray will be held in Onaway, MI at the UAW Conference Center over the Memorial Day weekend, May 22-25. GLC would like to sponsor several students from regional Universities, e.g. CMU, MSU, and NMU. Carolyn Miller and Irene Eiseman will coordinate.
- **GLC Membership Dues** – About 35 % of members have renewed dues. The online payment system Cheddar-Up is working well. Effective 2020, MBC raised their dues from \$7 to \$12. It is not anticipated that GLC will be affected in the short term.
- **GLC Director-at-Large** – Phyllis Higman agreed to continue as Director-at-Large for a 3-year term. Thank you Phyllis.
- **Botanist's Big Year** – The winner of the 2019 iNaturalist Michigan Botanist's Big Year Program was **Nathan Martineau**. He submitted 1534 species and will receive a \$100 award. Runner up **Alex Graeff** with 1009 species, will receive an award of \$50. The board decided to limit eligibility for the award if the same person is the winner in their respective category for two years running. Derek will post a note to the iNaturalist project page.
- **2020 Activity Ideas**
 - A field trip in June to the **Cedar River Preserve** in Leelanau County being considered by Emily and Liana .
 - Phyllis Higman also suggested that the **Brown River Bridge** area south of Traverse City might be interesting to visit since the bridge removal.
- **Other Botanical Events**
 - The **Aldo Leopold Festival** will once again be held in Hessel, MI in the eastern UP. June 4-7. <https://www.aldoleopoldfestival.com/>
 - The **Michigan Wildflower Conference** will be held in Lansing, MI at the Kellogg Conference Center on Sunday March 1 through Monday March 2. <http://wildflowersmich.org/>
 - We are all encouraged to keep posting events on the google group listserve.
- Meeting was adjourned 12:40 pm. Next meeting: Spring Foray...Derek will coordinate.