

## **Cape Conservation Corps meeting June 24, 2019**

In attendance: Marita Roos, Stacey Wildberger, Brad Knopf, Phil Ourisson, Karen Minor, Bill Rappoport, Tonya Powell, Larry Jennings, Al Todd

Called to order 7:38pm

Officer positions were decided:

President: Stacey

Vice President: Marita

Treasurer: Phil

Secretary: Karen

Treasurer's report: \$9,350, including checks.

Rain Garden. Phil was at the Clubhouse while Ryan was there. Ryan suggested minor modifications to the rain garden. He wants a limit on the dollar amount. They will come back to us and suggest a number. Reconstruction of the rain garden cannot proceed until we know the plans for the deck. We have started thinking of plants for the rain garden, as well as the conservation area around it.

Serene Ravine. Al, Stacey, and Bill R worked on pulling the Garlic Mustard last Wednesday. Stacey will be out there this coming Wednesday as part of the Weed Warriors every Wednesday night to pull Garlic Mustard and Bushkiller. Al said that the Bushkiller is the only known infestation in the state of Maryland, and that he's been trying to keep the Bushkiller off the trees. Hopefully we get the Cape to spray it periodically. Brad K reached out to Bud Reeves and got a vague message to extend the permits if we give him the permit #. The BOG said we can weed between the road and the pump house, which is basically outside the 100 ft buffer. (Critical area is 1,000 ft). We don't need a permit because it's not in the 100 ft buffer. Stacey mentioned that the BOG said they need a more formal request process. If we have a maintenance agreement, it will make ongoing maintenance easier.

Strawberry Festival. The Strawberry Festival had the biggest attendance ever this year. CCC still is not interested in selling anything because it's so much work. Instead, we passed out Echinacea seeds, had an album with photos of the past CCC projects, and flyers about the Harvest Bash with the original date of the 8<sup>th</sup> on it (the date has since been changed). Stacey had made up some pre-addressed envelopes with join CCC slips that some people took, and several new people signed up on the volunteer sign-up sheet. Suggestions for the CCC table next year: a raffle of some type, and Al suggested having a list of good plants to plant, samples of invasives, and a list of "the 10 Most Wanted".

BOG Meetings. CCC will have someone attend each BOG meeting. Brad will attend the July meeting, and Marita & Tonya will attend in August.

Plant Sale. The Plant Sale Committee met and picked out many plants, a list of which Jennifer entered into an Excel spreadsheet that she created. This year for grasses and ground covers, we will sell plugs rather than pots for affordability and to encourage people to cover a lot of ground for a great price. The plugs will be sold in half and whole flats. Jennifer will order 3-5 flats of each of the plants. We will sell flowering perennials in quarts, which Marita will order from Cavanaugh and Babikow. We will trim back the shrubs order this year, as we had many shrubs left over after last year's sale. Stacey's next articles will be to promote the Plant Sale and native grasses and ground covers. At the sale, we can give out free seed packets leftover from the Strawberry Festival. Other attendees for the Plant Sale: Adkins

Arboretum, Watershed Stewards, Ask a Master Gardener, Chris Pax, Nancy Lawson, and Baywise representatives as part of the Master Gardeners.

Habitat Hero. Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> will be the first Habitat Hero Garden Tour of the 4 Habitat Hero winners' yards, open to all in the Cape. (Flyers were given out at the meeting.)

Beach Restoration. Frank Newmann was at the BOG meeting a while ago trying to get the beach restoration going. He's interested in the oyster nursery, and offered to help with it. He might be a good candidate as a board member. Brad K will ask him.

We discussed whether or not we need a permit to mow the phragmites.

Grants. Thank you Stacey. She said Wells Fargo has awards continuing to come to us. The Grant money balance is \$674. The grant money will be used to buy 3 flats of *Packera Aurea* to be planted in the Serene Ravine in the fall.

Harvest Bash. Al Todd's band, "3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday", will perform. Although Harvest Bash flyers people took at the Strawberry Festival had the original (since revised) date on it, we are hoping that the sign board and "Date Change" Phil posted on the CCC website will be sufficient to alert Bash goers that the date has changed. Phil requested to Mary Lamb to change the sign board for the revised Harvest Bash date.