Minutes for Cape Conservation Corps Meeting, 7/23/2019

Call to order 7:35pm
In attendance: Brad Knopf, Phil Ourisson, Stacey Wildberger, Larry Jennings, Bill Rappaport, Neil Macindoe, Karen Minor

The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Future Board member. Brad K thought that Frank Neumann might be a good prospect for joining the board. Brad invited him to attend a meeting sometime in the future. It was noted that Frank already has responsibilities with the Yacht Club.

Treasurer’s Report: General Fund: $9,969 Total available, of which $591 for landscape plugs. Phil must still deposit 2 checks. Grants: $674. Not yet received from Wells Fargo. Stacey asked about it, but not heard back yet from them. She will follow up again.

Mail. Olivia West sent 3 thank you notes, each personalized, to CCC, Marita, and Stacey regarding her Silver Award Project. Phil sent Olivia an email thanking her back. Phil also received a North Creek Nurseries catalog addressed to CCC.

Website. Phil will send out an email blast about Wednesday Weed Warriors. Stacey and Bill R have consistently been going to weed. Neil and Bill Szczynko are continuing to get emails about it. We can’t spray because of the good plants and trees in the ravine. Neil will look into if we have any scouts asking for projects so they can help with the Bush Killer, which is very aggressive.

Wednesday is the Broadneck Grill fundraiser night.

The Habitat Hero Tour was a success. We had a few attendees other than CCC and Habitat Hero winners. It was a good turnout for the first time.

Native Plant Sale. We aren’t doing shrubs since we had many left over last time. This year, we will sell plugs and quarts of flowering perennials. They must be ordered by the end of the month. Stacey brought flyers for us to post around the community. Phil put out flyers during the Lake Claire Drive block party a few days ago on the name tag table so hopefully people saw the flyers. We will need to get boxes for customers to use to hold the plants during the sale. Tonya, Katie Scott, Stacey, and Laura will get together information on the new plants. Nancy Lawson thought it would be good to have big photos of each flowering plant attached to the plant sale tables. Last year, we had a spreadsheet with the Latin and Common names of each plant. Stacey will give the spreadsheet to Phil so he can post it to the website. Stacey thought that since Ryan Anderson is a Watershed Steward candidate, and his capstone project is on storm water best practices, that we could invite him to the plant sale’s Watershed Steward’s booth. For the cashier’s table, Phil may ask someone to help him, since Stacey’s daughter can’t make it. This could be good service hours for someone who wants to volunteer.

Clubhouse Rain Garden. There have been back and forth emails about buying plants for the rain garden. CCC will donate $1,000 for plants, shrubs, and mulch. Ryan received Severn Grove Contractors quote of $2,996, which would cover labor and product (Leaf Gro, mulch, river cobblestones, delivery, labor etc.) to complete the project. We need to see if the BOG will agree to our contribution. Maybe we can use some plants left over from the Native Plant Sale. We must figure out a date to plant and put the mulch down.

Harvest Bash. November 1st is posted on the CCC website. Phil will advertise the $25 order ahead/ $35 at the door tickets and add the link to PayPal. We can’t set up the night before like we have in past years since something is going on the night before. Stacey will make sure that the Caper mentions the correct date for the Bash.
**BOG Business.** The topic for tomorrow night’s BOG meeting discussion is the grant money for the beach restoration. Phil had given Ryan a copy of the papers mailed to residents of the plans from the engineers. The next step: Cape will hire the contractors for Site 1, which is the Main Beach. (Site 2 is Lake Claire Beach). The BOG is encouraged by the amount of money allocated for Site 1. Once started, it will be easier to do the next site. Last BOG meeting, Brad K. attended on CCC’s behalf. There were some complaints about the exemptions from the mosquito spraying. Brad also mentioned that last meeting, the Halloween event on October 26th was mentioned and that CCC was encouraged to have a table there. We could consider it to promote the Harvest Bash, which would occur the following week. Brad will email Mary about the details of the Harvest Bash.

There will be a BOG meeting on August 12th. Stacey will go with Tonya instead, since Marita can’t make it.

**Fairwinds.** Phil got mail from Fairwinds regarding the July meeting at the Broadneck Library about their permit application to change their carport to a garage. Phil wants to know if CCC could also object to the wording in the engineer’s summary, which is inaccurate regarding the “gravel” description rather than blacktop, which it really is. CCC could argue that we have standing in this issue. CCC needs to put more thought into this. In the meantime, Phil is objecting to the wording. He will scan the mail contents and email it CCC members, as well as send a copy to Ryan. Larry is zoned separately from the Cape, as a “Marine business”, but the Pumphrey’s house might be considered Cape Property. (Update: the Pumphrey’s house is not within the Cape boundaries.)