

Minutes for Cape Conservation Corps Meeting, 8/26/2019

Call to order 7:35pm

In attendance: Al Todd, Brad Hill, Brad Knopf, Phil Ourisson, Stacey Wildberger, Larry Jennings, Bill Rappoport, Neil Macindoe, Karen Minor

The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: General Fund: \$11,130, of which \$1,714 are pre-Plant Sale, so actual available is \$9416. Grants: \$824. Not yet received from Wells Fargo. Stacey said it will come the 3rd week in September.

Native Plant Sale - All plant orders have been placed. Now we have in excess of \$1,700 in pre-orders, and around the same amount ordered for the sale. We have about \$6,200 in plugs and perennials we have to sell. Deliveries will go to Marita's house that Friday during the day. Stacey will text us when the deliveries arrive, as the drivers do not take the plants off the truck, so we need help with unloading the deliveries and sorting out our pre-orders. Friday evening 6:30, let's meet at Marita's to load our vehicles for the next morning.

Responsibilities:

Marita - be present for deliveries, sort pre-orders, post about the Plant Sale on the Chesapeake Network

Karen - bring all of her folding tables and bring some folding chairs, put out flyers at Bay Hills shopping center

Stacey - be present for deliveries, sort pre-orders, contact Maureen Thomas of the Capitol, put out flyers, put out the pdf on Facebook, email Brad H the pdf, bring 2 tables, plant trays, plant pricing and signs, water cooler

Bill R - bring canopy, cardboard boxes

Brad H - bring canopy, put up big signs

Brad K - snacks

Phil - set up the "Square" for payments, post about the Plant Sale on Next Door, run the cashier's table

Larry - help with unloading deliveries, bring 8 x 10 holders

Al - help with unloading deliveries

Set up on Saturday the 21st will be at 7:00am. Open at 9:00am. Tonya, Katie, Laura, Karen, and Stacey made up signs for the new plants. Pricing will be \$4 for quarts, \$6 for gallons. Plugs will be sold by the full flat and half flat.

Also coming: Chris Pax, Nancy Lawson (will bring some 8 x 10 photos of some plants in bloom), Watershed Stewards (Katie Scott and Brad K), Baywise, Adkins Arboretum

Not coming: Ask a Master Gardener and Ryan.

Clubhouse Rain Garden plans for work this year were rejected by the CSCIA Board, so it is not going to happen this year. The project is not dead, but tabled for now. The original rain garden was built with 80 volunteers. Severn Grove's quote was \$2,996 for labor (excavating, adding amendments, removing 3-5 feet of wiregrass and nut sedge around the rain garden for the conservation strip). CCC offered \$1,000 towards it, plus the cost of the plants. The conservation strip will be covered with shrubs, grasses, and mulched. The current rain garden is functioning, so reconstruction will be discussed again in 2020, after the deck is done.

Erosion behind Cape St Claire pool. An eagle scout wants to do the project. Neil Macindoe and Bill Szczytko will email him. He might contact us later in September.

Habitat Hero nominations: 1) From Stacey, house on corner of Hampton & Broadview. They removed turf and planted natives, and planted the hell strip in front; 2) From Brad H, house on corner of Highview & Poplar Hill. They installed Turfstone, and the whole front yard is a refuge for birds and bugs.

Board of Governors meeting. Stacey & Tonya attended. They talked about the beach restoration projects. The Board voted to get the loans on Site 1, which is the Main Beach. (Site 2 is Lake Claire Beach). Neil said once you get money, it

leads to getting more money more easily. February/March is the target time to start the project, provided they get the loans. Brad H mentioned that this is the first year we have aquatic vegetation out there, and Phil confirmed that.

Fundraiser for Harry Sawyer is Friday September 6th at 6pm. Whimsicality is selling tickets.

Halloween Happenings will be October 26th behind the Clubhouse from 10-3. CCC's theme could be "Bats" (maybe one of us dress up like a bat). Brad K will do a sign. Ideas: Coloring contest for kids, pencils with bats on it. We discussed maybe having bat houses as prizes but we agreed that the Cape has a lot of shade, so that may not work. Karen and Brad K volunteered to run the table. Stacey, Brad, & Karen will think more about what we can do at the CCC table.

Harvest Bash. November 1st is posted on the CCC website. Stacey will talk to Marita about printed tickets. Stacey will approach Squisito, Red Hot & Blue, and Grauls for donations. Brad H will go back to the Ugly Pig about split pea soup. We are looking for more food donations. We all will help make some dishes, such as chili, meatballs, grilled meat and veggies. On the CCC website, Phil put something about the Third Sunday band.

Weed Warriors is Tuesday night this week at 5:00, or anyone who wants to help out can go on Wednesday. The prospect of Serene Ravine to be sprayed ever again in the future depends on whether or not Patrick would be willing to do that again. Neil said they will coordinate that. Last week, Bill and Stacey focused on the Bush Killer. All Todd is pulling it from the trees. We have 3 flats of Packera Aurea from the plant sale to plant there.

Miscellaneous. Brad H noticed a rash of paving. He suggested maybe Stacey write up an article soon on the alternatives to blacktop, even though alternatives are still recognized by the County as impervious.

Brad H did a paddle up the Magothy and called 3-1-1 after noticing clear cutting of about 20 stumps on a hill. Brad K said we should keep our eyes open, and he said he would contact Paul about it.

Phil has seen a lot of dead fish while sailing in the Bay, about 35 fish in 15 minutes, maybe due to a Dead Zone or perhaps the results of Catch and Release, or due to algae blooms or lack of oxygen. Brad H said Harrisburg just released sewage into the Susquehanna.