

Minutes for Cape Conservation Corps Meeting, 9/23/2019

Call to order 7:37pm

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

The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

General Fund: \$10,076; Grants balance: \$974. Not yet received the match from Wells Fargo.

Native Plant Sale – We ended up with a \$86 profit, which takes into account the Maryland sales tax. Cavano's, New Moon and NorthCreek Nurseries both did not charge us sales tax, whereas Babikow did. (Marita has tried to change that but they require a lot of paperwork.) We paid a little over \$500 in both sales tax and the fee for accepting credit cards (\$85), which was worth it since people spend more. The kind of plants we should include in the sale next year: Pink Muhly Grass, Joe Pye Weed, Echinacea, Heuchera (Coral Bells), and more blooming plants like aster. Cut Cinnamon Fern. Some people were taken aback by the prices of flats and said they were either too expensive or more than they wanted to buy. Maybe next year we can cut flats down more, into quarters or 10s. Phil said several people this year missed having shrubs available to buy. We all agreed that we all did well helping the crowd with advice, we cooperated well, and everyone pitched in. Chris Pax was too occupied to lead a tour of the plants. Nancy Lawson put a lot of time into plant signs to add insect information, and she added the documents to the Dropbox. The signs were beautiful. Haley was great and helpful to Phil and Sandy. The "early bird" customers were not a bother to Phil. Next year, we should have signs about the Plant Sale at intersections to point the way for people. Bill suggested a dog dish of water.

Erosion Control. Stacey talked to the Boy Scout about his intention to work on the erosion problem behind the Cape pool. He will email Stacey when he's ready to meet with us. He will meet with Ryan first then contact us. It is a challenging site.

Halloween Happenings will be on October 26th. Brad K and Karen will run the CCC table, and Stacey has 2 nephews to help out too. Brad will cover it from 9am-noon, Karen will do noon-3:00. Karen will lend her folding table and a couple chairs, and bring them to Brad's house the Friday night before. Stacey ordered a Tic-Tac-Toe game from Amazon for the table, and she will order night sky pencils and erasers from Oriental Trading Company. The prize for the coloring contest will be a bat house (**who is bringing this?**). Kids will color their bat, and put their name and parent's phone number on the back. We need sign holders to show they can win the prize, and Harvest Bash signs for the parents to see.

Serene Ravine. This Saturday, Sept 28th, 150 plugs of Packera Aurea will be planted from 9-11:00am. Stacey has an email out to the Environmental Education teacher at Broadneck H.S. to let students know, and the leader of the Girl Scouts.

Board of Governors meeting. Tonya went and gave her report of what was discussed, of which related to CCC's mission: the planting of 18 trees at the Main Beach will be Friday, October 11th, and the 50K grant for oyster reef balls designated for Site 1 may allow some to be left over for the Lake Claire site. Brad H will go to the next BOG meeting on October 14th at 7:30.

CCC meetings will officially change to the 3rd Monday of each month, 7:30pm, at the Cox room. At the October 21st meeting, we will plan in more detail for the Harvest Bash.

The Broadneck Grill fundraiser night in August earned CCC a check of \$140. We lucked out because the money was split with St. Andrews by the Bay, and it was a crowded night. The next CCC fundraiser night at Broadneck Grill is October 16th.

Doug Tallamy, the author of the book *Bringing Nature Home*, will speak at St. Andrews by the Bay on October 30th from 7-9:00pm. The tickets are free but they must be reserved in advance. CCC should think about having a speaker this coming Spring. Perhaps Chris Pax. Thomas Rainer, co-author with Claudia West of the book *Planting in a Post Wild World* charges \$700 to speak.

The Harvest Bash will be the evening of Friday, November 1st, and we will need to set up earlier that day.

Responsibilities:

Stacey will reach out to Squisito (ziti & bread), Red Hot & Blue (wings), Grauls, Broadneck Grill, Lebanese Taverna, and will bring recyclable plates, paper goods, and meatballs

Brad H will reach out to Ugly Pig (split pea soup)

Brad K – wine & beer

Karen – chili, lanterns with lights & votives, post flyers

Marita – gourds & decorations

Larry – grilled veggies

Bill – dessert

Tonya – dessert

Phil – get liquor license

New Business:

- Larry mentioned that the trees on Cape St Claire Rd need water. The County must water them.
- Do we want to actively encourage people to opt out of mosquito spraying? They are spraying sometimes at 11:00 at night. Stacey has put them in the Caper article.