

Minutes for Cape Conservation Corps Meeting, 11/18/2019

Call to order: 7:34pm

In attendance: Brad Knopf, Karen Minor, Phil Ourisson, Stacey Wildberger, Tonya Powell

The minutes from the last meeting were approved

Treasurer's report. Harvest Bash profit: \$1,120. General Fund balance available \$11,271. Grant balance \$800. Not yet received latest check from Wells Fargo. Stacey emailed them today.

Broadneck Grill. Phil will go to collect their donation and verify the next fundraiser date in anuary (usually the 3rd Wednesday of the month).

CCC website: not much going on, but Phil is posting things here and there. Stacey asked Bill Szczytko to turn on the counter to see how many hits on her article.

Halloween Happenings was very successful and Mary was very pleased we were there. We had good exposure. Stacey gave some photos of our CCC events to Mary to post in the year end Caper December issue.

Harvest Bash. We ran out of beer. We bought 4 cases and had 3 kegs. Not nearly as much wine was drunk. We had a good bunch of young people. In the last 2 years, we had a younger crowd. We surprisingly had some residents from Atlantis attend. There wasn't much dancing this year. Maybe we can do 2 bands next year. Let's revisit this discussion next year. Food: the baked ziti got burned. Larry's veggies were a hit. The 100 wings went really fast so we should double it next year. It was good that we invited George from The Ugly Pig.

Serene Ravine. Mulching went quickly, at a little over an hour, due to the number of volunteers (Ryan, some people from the community, 2 kids from Broadneck HS, and us). Brian Jones is getting involved with things. He lives in Cape St Claire. We did clean up on his property, and planted some trees.

The other ravine on Lake Claire Drive is overrun with Bush Killer. The County will be clearing that and putting in step pools and a waste water system. They will be required to keep the weeds and invasives out of it for 5 years. CCC will have to keep on top of them though.

Stacey went to the BOG meeting. Richards Tree Service donated a pine tree for the Tree Lighting ceremony on December 1st by the Guard House.

Ryan Anderson's Watershed Stewards capstone project is this Saturday. He might scale it down to one location. If he gets 15-30 volunteers, it will get done.

The BOG is getting a deck estimate, and pursuing a bond bill for the deck, then starting in the Lake Claire project. The BOG approved the service agreement for the Serene Ravine and posted it to Google Docs. Phil will put a copy of it in the safety fireproof box. Ryan walked the Serene Ravine with Patrick. Patrick called the weed problem in the Serene Ravine "a lost cause".

Dates for 2020:

Harvest Bash 11/6/20

Native Plant Festival 9/20/20

Habitat Hero Tour 6/20/20

We need a date for a guest speaker. Possibilities: Thomas Ranier, the author of *Planting in a Post Wild World*, but he is expensive (\$700). Marita will find out about his possibly speaking. Chris Pax is \$50-100. Nancy Lawson is another option, as well as someone at DNR that Marita knows. Maybe we should go back to plants as the subject this year. Possible date is a Friday in April 17th or 24th.

Other clean up work days:

Clubhouse rain garden: Stacey messaged Bill S last week about it. Stacey also emailed Mary and copied Ryan to find out about the possibility to combine our \$2K with their \$2K to do the rain garden. We could get the \$1K from Unity Gardens to help us out, in which case we would need to erect a thank you sign to Unity Gardens. Hopefully Mary will get back to us. The next BOG meeting is 12/9. Phil will attend that.

Ongoing projects.

Weed Warriors on Wednesdays. We can coordinate with Harbor School to mulch the Serene Ravine path again.

The rain garden at the Little Magothy. Brad K got Sawyer's to whack down the Tree of Heaven.

We haven't heard back from the Eagle Scout about the eroding slope behind the Cape pool.

We need another suggestion for the Habitat Hero.

Olivia West had 100% survival of the plants that she planted and nurses until Spring. She took the sign down and gave it to Beau to store in the Cape shed. She wants to work with us again, such as another project at Lake Claire or working with the Step Pools.

Phil will update us on the insurance policy. He is looking into protection of officers and directors (which is what we want) vs. volunteers. He will investigate more.