

Minutes of Cape Conservation Corps Meeting, 1/20/2020

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

The meeting started off with an introduction of Jesse Oberright, a local resident who contributed to the effort to collect discarded Christmas trees for Beverly Triton Beach's shoreline erosion project. Beverly Triton Beach is a County park, about 30 minutes away, past Mayo. The park is staking the trees into where the waves break along the shoreline to break up the wave action. Stacey posted on Facebook about the park's effort to collect discarded trees. Matthew Toronto, owner of a local hauling business, Matthew Hauling, volunteered his truck and time. He borrowed his neighbor's trailer which holds about 40 trees and made hauling to the site much easier. Jesse, also seeing Stacey's Facebook post, jumped on board and started a registration form online to facilitate donations and volunteer trucks for hauling them to the site. Once the form was posted, over 70 people immediately responded. The feedback from the community was wonderful and many people wanted to contribute and participate. Even though the project was thrown together in a week, there was a great response from the community, and over 60 trees were hauled away. The rangers of the park said that they could actually plan a bigger shoreline project next year with some pre-planning. Jesse said she has some ideas on how to coordinate the event better. We could possibly get other businesses with trucks involved and possibly get a trailer parked at a park and then people can bring their pickup trucks to it. Jesse works as a Naturalist for the Calvert County Natural Resources. She started "Broadneck Nature Nook" to get people to learn about nature, she started blogging, expanded it, and she coordinates local hiking. Al Todd wondered if there was an environmental group around Mayo that might want to participate so that the collection of donated trees could be done in a local community that is located closer to the park. CCC can think about finding parks in our area that might have a similar need. The 1st Saturday in January or the weekend after are good times to do this project, or something similar, next year.

The minutes from last meeting were approved.

Stacey liked the new Habitat Hero's yard and described her property in the article that she wrote up.

Treasurer's Report: As of today, General Fund \$11,800; \$800 in Grants; \$325 in membership payments have already come in from the website (some renewals, some new ones). Phil will do a mass mailing a little later, after tax season.

Insurance. Phil has been reviewing the insurance issue, and the various products available. We discussed several scenarios such as injury, and what would be covered and how much it would cost. Phil asked Lou Biondi what they are doing insurance-wise for Goshen. Phil also verified with CSCIA that their insurance doesn't cover us at all. We agreed to think more about our options and discuss in next month's meeting.

At the past CSCIA Board of Governor's meeting, Stacey and Marita attended. The Board is now looking at Lake Claire. Phil went when the Board walked at the both main and Lake Claire beaches. The project

is moving along and the County is interested. The project does not include the bamboo area or doing step pools.