

Minutes of Cape Conservation Corps Meeting, 2/17/2020

In attendance: Marita Roos, Stacey Wildberger, Brad Knopf, Larry Jennings, Bill Rappoport, Karen Minor, Neil Macindoe

Money: Well Fargo Checks are coming in. Phil picked up checks from the Broadneck Grill amounting to \$192. Marita arranged for the next Broadneck Grill fundraiser night: April 15th.

Insurance. Table the discussion until Phil comes back from vacation.

For the Chris Pax speaker event, Brad K made up beautiful flyers. Stacey printed some up for us to put up in the community. The event was scheduled for Friday, April 17th at the Cape Clubhouse.

Bat houses got delivered. The project is next Saturday at Beverly Beach. There might be a group to help volunteer for CCC in the future.

Brad K's Project Clean Stream event will be on Saturday April 4th from 9:00am-1:00pm. (Update: it will most likely be postponed.)

Stacey went to the Serene Ravine today and observed that the Packera Aurea is doing really well. She posted a request on FaceBook asking for Weed Warriors, and 5-6 people responded. Stacey got their contact information. On the evening of Friday, March 13th from 5:30-7:00, we are having an informational kickoff, with pizza and wine, at the Serene Ravine to explain what we are doing. It would be useful to have a sign in the Serene Ravine to show what CCC is doing. The Board of Governors might want to see a design. Marita knows of a place in Pennsylvania that makes weatherproof signs but they are about \$1,500. Maybe Brad H can build the sign holder like he did for us before. Brad may be able to get students to help him. We should order more plants for the Serene Ravine. Marita will order some Carex Pennsylvanica at about \$65 a flat from Northcreek, and we can just have them shipped here. Larry suggested a shade garden area around the bench. The next potential workday for weeding garlic mustard and planting Carex could be Saturday April 25th. Brad knows a lady named Amelia Waters that is part of an organization called "To You" with about 800 members. She said dozens of people could volunteer for a work day. We will let Neil know and get waivers from him. Neil will check with the Cape lawyer to possibly have a waiver and sign in sheet.

The Christmas Tree project. Karen Jarbo is the manager of Beverly beach. They might not do a tree project later. Jesse said don't count on Beverly Triton this year but instead go to a local place that could use trees. CCC could contact the Magothy River Association.

We are still in a holding pattern on the Clubhouse rain garden, as Mary needs to meet with contractors on the deck. The Clubhouse rain garden probably won't happen this Spring. Stacey applied to Unity Gardens and told them it will be in the Spring, but we can always change the date afterwards.

In anticipation of our Native Plant Sale this Fall, Brad K generously agreed to make up a "Spraying Kills Bees" sign that people can pre-order ahead of the sale.

Larry asked if we want to do a Reef Ball build this summer, and that he could store them, since they need to age for a year. They would not be used in Cape St. Claire.

Main Beach project: The State and Country comment period has to finish, and then in the end of March, off shore construction from a barge will start. The hook they are building at the end of the Little Magothy will be a source of sand for Main Beach, and eventually sand will start accreting on the beach as a result of the erosion control measures. In the Fall, replanting projects will start. Boy Scouts will be volunteering to do this but CCC can too. The County and State have a lot of money now for shoreline erosion projects.

Larry asked about getting a grant for native host plants around the pond at Goshen. Brad and Stacey said Unity Gardens would be a good resource for a grant. Goshen is owned by Anne Arundel Board of Education. Larry wants to request

\$200-\$300 from CCC to buy more established plants. He will come up with a list of plants and bring it to the next CCC meeting. Unity Gardens is \$1,000 or less for Anne Arundel County schools. They require grantees to put up a sign with the Unity Gardens logo on it, and the cost of the sign is part of their grant.

There are some “no plastic bag” bills up now before the legislature. Larry bought some reusable bags for CCA and they were very reasonably priced. He suggested that CCC could order some to sell, or we could give them away at the Strawberry Festival and our Native Plant Sale. Brad K could use his talents to design one for us. Larry and Marita will look into bags like this as a promotional product to further CCC’s message. If the bill goes through, bags like these will be in demand. It is worth it to get good quality. We could give 2 bags as a thank you for \$20 annual CCC membership dues.