

Cape Conservation Corps Agenda March 16, 2020

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

1. Treasurers report: Balances General fund just over 12K; Grants just below 1,600. There are a few outstanding receipts from Wine in the Weeds, and bat houses Stacey sent Phil the receipts for.
2. Website: Phil just posted Stacey's April blog and the Nature Conservancy article on pollinators.
3. Planned Events, which could all be cancelled/postponed:
 - a. Weed Warriors: The Wine in the Weeds event was a great success. It was a good turn out. Some families showed up, and people seemed excited. Stacey sent out messages thanking attendees for coming. Thanks to Al & Theresa for letting us use their driveway. We can weed as of now. Maybe we can start 4/1. Stacey is going to try for that time but not totally sure.
 - b. Project Clean Stream on 4/4 is postponed. Brad K notified people that it is definitely postponed. He contacted the Alliance of the Chesapeake Bay. Kelly said she's fairly certain it would be postponed but she would confirm. Date to be determined. Maybe we should keep the sign board and say it's postponed. We voted that rather than getting a refund on the sign board, to use it to ask for members and be well. This would be to build goodwill and get CCC's out name out there. We could use it to advertise promote the Weed Warriors. We have the sign from 3/23 to 3/30. We need to write a new copy for this.
 - c. Fundraiser @ Broadneck Grill 4/15. Restaurants are closed.
 - d. Chris Pax speaking event: Friday 4/17. Don't cancel it yet. The Cape Clubhouse is closed 2 weeks, Neil said. We don't know how long the 50 people or less ban will last. We will reevaluate. Brad, Tonya, Karen wait for 2 weeks to see where we are to put out the flyers.
 - e. Ravine Planting 4/25. Marita will be receiving about 100 plugs this week. We will see if we can do this.
4. Larry asked for funds from CCC for more established plants for the Habitat Garden around Goshen Farm Pond. If he bought now and planted, could he retroactively apply for Unity Gardens would provide in the fall grants? Unity gardens said No, you can't apply retroactively, but only for new plants. CCC approved \$300 to contribute to it. Stacey suggested Larry ask the Garden Club for additional donation. He will use Stacey's discount at Adkins Arboretum and Babikow. Hopefully we can get some volunteers to help plant.
5. BOG meeting for April 13th: Stacey volunteered to go if there is a meeting. The Board will probably have a phone meeting. Neil will let Stacey know if there's a link.
6. 1st Quarter 2020 Habitat Hero: Stacey nominated Jeanne Klinger and asked for other nominations. Jeanne has a couple ponds in her yard and working with Chris Pax this spring, always planting natives, fighting invasive plants. CCC Voted Yes.
7. Ravine/Pump Station near Jennifer's house: When Neil was asked if there any plans to have a pumping station at that Ravine, Neil responded that he doesn't know of anything. Brad K noticed the details on the Inspections and Permits website, which names the project at that address as "Wastewater Pumping Station" at 1048 Lake Claire Dr. Neil will ask Beau about that.
8. Step Pool issue: Phil contacted Ryan to say that the step pools at both that ravine and the ball fields don't drain even after days without rain. There was an exchange of emails back and forth. Ryan has tried to contact the County multiple times unsuccessfully. He asked if CCC could support him in that effort. Brad K looked into this years ago. The County fixed the step pools at the fire house, but the County is stalling to fix the others. Phil said that, according to the design guidelines, step pools should be fully drained 72 hours after a rain event. Brad K said that the WPRP contact is Erik Michelsen at the County. Phil will send the emails from Ryan to Brad. Brad will follow up with Erik and copy several people.
9. Insurance: We agreed that we can table for now until we can meet in person.
10. Harvest Bash food service issues. We agreed that we can table for now until we can meet in person. The County contacted Phil that we need a food service permit. We can't have anything prepared at home, and that everything should be provided by a food service provider. Neil suggested to contact Mary about that because she knows how to massage things with the County. Phil will do that.

11. Brad K's report on BOG mtg. The comment period on Site 1 ended 3/12, so work can begin any moment after that. Neil said any last minute issues are on hold on people's desks, so he is not hopeful now that the County is going to proceed in a timely manner. We were on track to get it done before the Strawberry Festival but not sure about now. Stiney resigned because he's ill. There are vegetative management plans outstanding. Poplar Tree is not done. Paving along Deep Creek parking lot on the 24th. Neil has Scouts looking for projects. Club articles limited to a page and a half in the Caper. Mary is looking to switch to pavers rather than another form of deck, with a possible awning. For Site 2, the money is well in hand. Additional grants could help solve the bamboo issue. In the Chesapeake Bay Alliance tour, they got Larry to sign off on sand permits. 3/21 is a public celebration of the historic sign at 3pm.
12. Reusable bags. Brad K started to look into it. No one so far has a good source. All are using middle man sources.
13. Brad mentioned at the Board meeting a County, Chesapeake Bay Alliance, and Watershed Stewards initiative called "Replant Anne Arundel". The project is recruiting "tree troopers" to plant an enormous number of trees to restore the tree canopy in the County, and they are looking for private and public community property to plant on. Katie Kelly signed up. If it is a priority area, it would be completely paid for. Looking to drop 20 trees per site, and a site can involve 2 properties. The Board didn't seem that enthusiastic. DNR has a big write-up on it for March. Once the site is planned, it doesn't have a lot of labor involved with maintenance afterwards.