

Minutes of Cape Conservation Corps Meeting, 7/20/2020

The meeting was held on Larry's porch.

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

Call to order: 7:37pm

1. Minutes from last month's meeting were approved.

2. Treasurer's report:

Current balances: General fund \$12,052, Grants \$467. (The grant from Wells Fargo has not been received yet.) Phil sent a mass email to all CCC contacts. Not much response but Amy Juras donated \$200. In total, about \$400-\$500 came in since last month's meeting. Stacey put in a request for donations on Facebook again.

Website: Routine updates.

3. In and around the Goshen pond, as weather permits, Larry continues with planting.

4. Wednesday Weed Warriors: Stacey said she is seeing new faces each week. Parents, high school kids, and scouts. The Bushkiller has gone bonkers and is going to seed. Hopefully the shade from other trees and plants will limit the growth rate.

5. The Tree Troopers program came about from a partnership between Replant Anne Arundel and the Watershed Stewards Academy, who trains Tree Troopers. Brad K. taped all the training sessions. He had sent out feelers to Atlantis, St. Andrews on the Bay, and others with little response. Hopefully, CCC and the local community can participate in this project next year. At \$15 a tree, it is so cheap, and churches get trees for nothing. Brad noted that in order to participate next year, we should be prepared ahead of time, by creating a plan using Google Maps to identify an already cleared out area. They don't want heavily infested areas.

6. Stacey and Bill listened in on the Cape BOG meeting. Their report:

- a) The Clubhouse, and we assume the Cox room, can open at 50% capacity, starting August 1st.
- b) The court date on the illegal pier is August 14th.
- c) They have MDE approval for permits on Site 1. Because of all the delays, the project was kicked off the contractor's schedule. There is a moratorium November thru March. They are now looking at starting, best case scenario, in March for both Sites 1 and 2. Site 2 does not include the bamboo area.
- d) The quarterly meeting will be at the end of the month. Strawberry Festival is postponed in favor of possibly a Fall event.
- e) Cape Cleanup is the 18th and 19th of September.
- f) Native Plant Sale is September 26th.

7. The application for the Unity Gardens grant is due August 1st. Marita drew up a beautiful plan for the Serene Ravine. Stacey is hoping to get shrubs from Environmental Concern. The planting will go to the left of the path that has been eroding during heavy rains. Plants will include Wild Ginger, Blue Bells, and Mayapple. The Unity Grant will not cover delivery fees, which in our case would be \$200. Stacey's neighbor said that if we reimburse him for gas money, he would pick up the plants with his truck. We will find out on September 1st if we got the grant, and then planting would be in October. The Unity Gardens sign got approved by Neil. Marita said we have been in communication with the County on the look and location of the sign. The Serene Ravine comprises 3 parcels (Cape, County, and

private) The larger parcel is County and includes the shoreline. The sign cannot be on County property, so it will be located on the property owned by the Cape, which is to the right of the path. Marita, Stacey, and the lady from the Unity Gardens walked the ravine together. She gave good feedback for applying for the grant.

8. We had 3 scouts interested in the Eagle Scout project to build and install 3 Leopold benches in the Serene Ravine. Sam Papps had reached out to Neil and Neil forwarded his contact info to Stacey. Sam was the most proactive of the 3 scouts who had inquired, so Stacey sent him and his parents a note accepting him. We will not need a permit to install the 3 benches. The existing mosaic bench will be moved to somewhere else in the ravine. Each bench will have a plaque with a Leopold quote. Stacey has some suggestions for quotes, and will let Sam choose from them. Sam will raise money to buy the materials (pressure-treated pine). CCC will pay for the plaques, and Sam will build the benches, set a concrete base, and install the benches. Since we have interest from several other scouts for projects, we should brainstorm on what projects they could do.

9. Jennifer texted Stacy and Marita about phragmites control, since it's off the radar. We don't want to let it go too far, as it's coming back at the Little Magothy. Let's bring it up at the BOG meeting next month.

10. The annual Fall Native Plant Fest & Sale will be on Saturday, September 26th. North Creek order \$3,473; Babikow \$1,980; Cavanaugh's \$2,293. Total \$7,700, including delivery. We will take delivery that Friday before at Karen's house. Volunteers can park in Phil's driveway. In the August CCC meeting, we will finalize the details for that Friday and Saturday. For safety at the sale, we will spread out with all the tables we can get, require masks, limit the number of people, and have crowd control. Stacey will ask Nancy Lawson to help coming up with lists and designs for signs with recommended "sun" and "shade" combinations of plants.

11. The Sunday Capitol had an article on Olivia West (in Prudential's press release). Phil sent Olivia a congratulatory email. Her next project is a Silver project, which might be Site 2 shoreline planting, which probably wouldn't happen until next Fall.

12. Phil mentioned that he listened to the first 2 webinars by the Horn Point Research Lab and that they were very interesting. He will email the links to the webinars to all CCC board members.