

## Minutes of Cape Conservation Corps Meeting, 8/17/2020

The meeting was held on Larry's porch.

In attendance: Stacey Wildberger, Marita Roos (via phone), Phil Ourisson, Brad Knopf, Bill Rappoport, Larry Jennings, Karen Minor, Neil Macindoe

Call to order: 7:38pm

1. Minutes from last month's meeting were approved, pending 1 correction.

2. Treasurer's report:

Current balances: General fund \$13,380, Grants \$537. (Phil has not received the latest checks from Wells Fargo yet.) Phil received approximately \$270 in additional memberships and donations.

Website & Email: Ongoing maintenance of the website. Stacey's blog post is on the website. Goshen contacted Phil on their Phantom fundraiser and asked if we could share that event on our website. They reciprocated on their website about our Plant Sale. Phil said in his letter that the Harvest Bash is cancelled and asked for a donation in lieu of money paid for a ticket.

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

4. Control of Invasive Weeds - Last Wednesday, Bill and Stacey arrived to work as Weed Warriors but ultimately left due to rain. A couple of volunteers asked if we could do goats again for weed control. Out of curiosity, Stacey inquired with Jennifer. In the Serene Ravine, Bill and Stacey had marked out a 40x75 ft area with stakes. Jennifer said that staked area, being too small, is not feasible for goats, but she suggested spraying instead, however the chemical control would have to be selective. Neil said that if future spraying occurs in the Serene Ravine, he would be present for spraying that occurs along the neighbors' fence line. As there are several Cape-owned sites with invasive weeds requiring control, Jennifer suggested contacting University of Maryland to do a study and maybe get help that way. The ravine by Poplar Tree Drive is infested with Bushkiller. Since the County has a maintenance agreement for that ravine and the step pools across from the shopping center, the County could contribute to eradication. The County said they have already applied herbicides in the ravine. Neil will check with Patrick about spraying, since Patrick handled spraying the phragmites before. Ryan forwarded the emails about the Phragmites to Neil. Neil will find out if the Cape has any plans for spraying. We might want to consider Eco Goats for both ravines and Lake Claire beach, since we had goats there before. Neil will find out about Site 2.

5. By September 1<sup>st</sup>, we should receive a decision on the Unity Gardens grant application.

6. Benches in the Serene Ravine – On a call to the Board of Governors last Monday, Sam Papps presented his Eagle Scout project for the 3 Leopold benches and plaques. The BOG requires a written plan for all projects. Sam will price out materials and send his written plan to Neil. Sam will solicit donations towards the cost of materials. We voted to approve paying for the plaques, at a cost of approximately \$100 price per plaque, made of stainless steel, with 4 screw holes. Marita will place the order. The benches will be bolted to a cement base. Since we had 2 other scouts who expressed interest in doing the benches for their Eagle Scout project, Larry typed up a Word document with suggestions for possible future projects, in case more scouts inquire. Larry will send the document out to the CCC Board.

7. The annual Fall Native Plant Fest & Sale will be on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Stacey suggested that everyone start collecting boxes from liquor stores. Delivery of plants will be the Friday before at Karen's house, and trucks will probably start arriving around 9:00am, and deliveries will continue all day. Volunteers can park in Phil's driveway. We will need to tag some plants. Stacey will reach out to Nancy Lawson about the lists and sign designs for our recommended "sun" and "shade" plant combinations. These recommended plant

lists will be similar to the “pollinator packs” that Bill suggested. Stacey added a few more things to our plants order, such as Seaside Goldenrod for Olivia West’s planting area at Lake Claire beach. Karen will bring 6 chairs and her 5 folding tables, Bill will bring his canopy, and Larry will bring his card table. Phil will ask Mary Lamb about borrowing some tables from the Clubhouse garage to allow for generous spacing of tables at the sale. Those of us with tables should send the count of tables and measurements to Marita, who volunteered to draw up a plan on the layout of the site. For high schoolers looking for additional volunteering opportunities, we can suggest they help at the plant sale, such as tallying orders, helping carry plants to cars, etc. Stacey said we have a couple of volunteers, and that she has been mentioning the plant sale on Facebook. In the September CCC meeting, we will finalize the details for the sale.

8. Stacey is thinking about enrolling in the Watershed Steward Academy program, which requires a capstone project be completed in order to graduate. Eradicating the bamboo at the lake Claire parking lot would be a good capstone project.

9. Stacey in on the Cape BOG meeting. Her report:

- a) The Clubhouse, and we assume the Cox room, is open at 50% capacity.
- b) Mosquito spraying started up again.
- c) Brad K reported that the new generation of oyster spat for homeowners’ piers will be arriving in late August/early September.
- d) The Cape discussed cutting fees on Clubhouse rentals.
- e) Mary Lamb wants shorter articles for The Caper. She has 3 new advertisers. Stacey already submitted for September.
- f) The beach project permitting process is ongoing, but in final stages.
- g) The court date on the illegal pier happened and the judge is letting the Cape proceed with a restraining order and injunction.
- h) The beach project won’t happen until Spring. Site 2 won’t start until next March.
- i) Cape Cleanup is the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of September.

10. Stacey used Sign Up Genius, a free application, for signing up Weed Warrior volunteers. Larry will consider using that app for the planting work at Goshen.

11. Brad K said Project Clean Stream, County-wide, starts September 11, but it won’t happen this year in Cape St Claire.