

Minutes of Cape Conservation Corps Meeting on 02/15/2021

The meeting was held via Zoom.

In attendance: Stacey, Marita, Phil, Brad K, Bill, Larry, Tonya, Jeanne, Karen, Neil

Call to order 7:35pm.

1. Minutes from last month's meeting were approved.
2. Treasurer report:
 - a. Balances: General fund \$14,876. Grants \$1,344. Phil emailed the board a detailed Treasurer's report. Phil received \$120 from Wells Fargo, and \$252 from Giving Tuesday of the expected \$500. Stacey says \$248 are pending. Everyone on the CCC board is paid up on membership dues.
 - b. PNC Bank account: Marita and Stacey have their debit cards and access to the new bank account.
 - c. On the CCC website, Phil is keeping up on editing and adding as needed. He posted all the upcoming events and the Sign-Up Genius for the Weed Warriors kickoff and actual weekly weeding dates.
3. Old Business:
 - a. Pickup for the Shrub Swap will be Saturday, May 8th from 9am-11am. Sorting of the shrubs will be at 8am at Karen's house. 18 people have signed up so far, and the average number of nandinas is about 3 per yard. Of the 3 native replacement shrubs available, Spicebush is the most popular. Many participants are signing up for one of each. Stacey encouraged us to share information about this event with people in the community. We will cut off sign-ups at 25 people. Matthew Toronto will be picking up and delivering on Thursday 5/6 or Friday the 7th for \$100. For 6-7 people that have asked for help dig up their nandina shrubs, Katherine Woods has said she will dig. Jeanne, Karen, Larry, Bill, Phil, and Brad K also volunteered to help. Stacey will connect us up with the people who need help. The nandina shrubs should go in plastic bags in the regular trash, not yard waste. We will sort the replacement shrubs early in the morning before the pickup. Hopefully the shrubs will be clearly marked. Stacey will send out an email to the people who signed up to ask them to send photos of the dug-up shrubs.
 - b. Volunteers will be needed for planting of a living shoreline at the main beach from April to June. Neil said that CSCIA will be overseeing the planting and volunteers after all construction is done, and he foresees that won't be complete until Fall. Larry cautioned that we are already on the late side for ordering, but Neil and Stacey think the plants might have already been ordered.
 - c. Stacey attended the CSCIA Board of Governors meeting. Her recap and Neil's comments: The contractors are shooting for March 1st to start at the main beach. The last details of funding and permitting for Lake Claire will come through after the main beach is done. Unfortunately, the prospect of dredging Deep Creek is cost-prohibitive because of environmental impact fees, so dredging will not happen. The Clubhouse liquor licenses are not available yet. In November, hopefully they will be available.
 - d. The Weed Warrior Kickoff/Open house will be on Friday, March 26th. There is a Sign-Up Genius posted on the CCC website for the event. Actual weekly weeding will start on April 7th. Stacey noted that there is a lot of garlic mustard growing in the Serene Ravine.

- e. Phil submitted the Maryland Charity Campaign (MCC) application in early January and is still waiting on a response.
- f. Forestry grant application: July is the 2nd round. Marita said that once Stacey and Jeanne firm up their Watershed Steward capstone project plans, then we can apply. Stacey will focus on the Serene Ravine, maybe targeting the erosion area or tie in spraying of the Bushkiller vine. Jeanne will talk to Ryan about removing English ivy and dead trees from the Deep Creek area. She said the Tree Trooper requires planting a minimum of 20 trees. Josh, one of the Watershed Steward Academy mentors, will bring Gray, another WSA mentor who also runs the Tree Trooper program. We can include replacing some of the trees that got taken down in the Serene Ravine and the trees the neighbor requested at Blue Ridge Place. Stacey was thinking that Eastern Red Cedars would be great. We may not need to apply for the forestry grants if we can get the trees via the Tree Trooper program. If there are more places for trees in the Cape, Jeanne is willing to take on the project to plant more than the minimum 20 trees. Jeanne will keep everyone posted on what Josh and Gray say.
- g. The Habitat Hero Tour for 2019 and 2020 winners will be on Saturday, June 26th (5 properties) and Saturday, August 28th (3 properties).
 - 2020 winners:
 - Allison Crews Turner 6/26
 - Louise Zeitlin Flexible 8/28
 - Catherine Salem 8/28
 - Jeanne Klingler Flexible 8/28
 - 2019 winners:
 - Julie Sharp 6/26
 - Ginny Klocko 6/26
 - Jennifer Crews Carey 6/26
 - Katie Scott Kelly 6/26

4. New Business:

- a. Marita shared her spreadsheet of the Spring planting order for the Serene Ravine. Stacey will email us the list. For those of us who want to add to the order, add 25% shipping to the costs listed, and give Stacey our orders by the end of this week. Stacey asked us to not go too far off the list. Jeanne found the deal on the Paw Paw trees from a guy who has a farm, and she volunteered to build cages for the Paw Paws. Bill volunteered to get some stakes. Since the spreadsheet shows orders coming from multiple suppliers, the orders will come in at different times. For shrubs, we will have a little more time. Spring planting at the Serene Ravine will occur on staggered dates. We will figure out when and where later.
- b. Jeanne had the idea of creating a Google Account calendar and volunteered to put CCC events and community events on it.
- c. Sponsorship of the SUP paddle fundraiser for oyster restoration: There was debate about CCC contributing to this event because CCC is a non-profit that is giving to another non-profit who might be giving to another non-profit, and that promoting the event might be more appropriate. It was mentioned that nonprofits supporting other non-profits happens all the time, and this is a Cape-based team doing something for nature. Neil said Brad Hill was working on getting a team together, but we should wait on that to see if that actually happens. We decided to push the discussion to the next meeting and get some more information from Brad H.
- d. Stacey shared photos of the skunk cabbage.

Adjourned 8:16pm.