

Minutes of Cape Conservation Corps Meeting on 09/20/2021

The meeting was held in the Cape St Claire clubhouse.

In attendance (alphabetically): Bill Rappoport, Brad Knopf, Jeanne Klinger, Jeanne Martin, Karen Minor, Larry Jennings, Phil Ourisson, Stacey Wildberger

Call to order 7:05pm.

1. Minutes from last month's meeting were approved.
2. Treasurer report:
 - a. Balances:
 - i. General Fund A little over \$15,500.
 - ii. Grants \$200.
 - b. Bill asked about the Cape sign board and the Harvest Bash. Phil said we will get the money back, that we aren't on the sign board for the Harvest Bash, and that he told Mary of the wrong date for the plant sale. She can charge us for making the change.
 - c. Phil showed the new wildlife camera and its features. It includes a date time stamp. Total cost was \$115. He will keep it until after the Native Plant Fest. Beau has 2 additional cameras that we can borrow.
 - d. Website: Phil continues to keep up with the website. He posted the links to the article describing the honor that Al Todd is receiving, Stacey's article in the Humane Society, and the article about Ryan's son. (Stacey asked for Ryan's permission to post it.) Phil also posted that the Harvest Bash is cancelled.
3. Old Business:
 - a. On the weekend of October 16th and 17th, reef balls will be built in honor of Ryan's son. There is an opportunity to volunteer to help make them. If we want to have a CCC table there, we have a binder showing our work and talk to people about it.
 - b. Phil asked if we should have a CCC banner table skirt for events like the Strawberry Festival and the reef build project. Jeanne K will look into it. We could have a sign with white space above and drape it down. Along the same vein, Stacey asked if we want T-shirts. Phil moved to table the discussion until after the Plant Fest. Brad K will investigate T-shirts.
 - c. Stacey, Bill, and Al attended the Monday night Cape BOG meeting at the club house last week. It went smoothly. Regarding spraying, since we agreed to front \$2,100 and the Fish & Wildlife Service agreed to pay \$2,000, Cape agreed to pay up to \$2,450 for the third spraying. The charge to Scott, the sprayer, is \$110 per hour. Whoever calls the meeting with Scott will pay that amount per hour. Beau proposed the spraying to the Board. The Cape BOG will put spraying into future budgets. Stacey met with the County forester, Bud Reeves. The focus of the spraying will be Cape property. We will start with Cape property and the hope is to bring the County along with us. Stacey plans on applying for grants this morning to get money for spraying. It will take 6-8 weeks to get the permit. At a minimum, we want to get 1 spray in before frost. Hopefully we have 2 sprayings in the Fall, and the 3rd spraying in the Spring. Before the first spray, we should pull down

the Bushkiller vine from the trees and shrubs onto the grounds so the chemical can cover as much of the vine's foliage as possible. They will monitor after the first spray and determine if it necessary to do it again. Stacey and Ryan took Bud Reeves to the ravine off Poplar Tree Drive. The neighbor to the left was receptive about spraying. Stacey told him he could contact the County and make some noise. Bud got spraying done on Thursday after they met at the ravine.

- d. This winter, Stacey will try and start with the Chesapeake Bay Trust to get a grant. Rich Mason at the Fish & Wildlife Service was super impressed on all that CCC has done, and he told Stacey about other grants that CCC can apply for.
- e. The beach restoration is still on track. They are pleased overall with the progress. The beach is accreting, and plants are surviving.
- f. The Strawberry Festival on August 28th was fun. Theresa Todd made some cool signs. It went well. Next year, we should set up at the fire house on Saturday morning at least an hour before the parade.
- g. Jeanne M gave an update on her WSA capstone project. She filled out the form again with WSA's help. Ther application was rejected because she didn't notice the impervious surface section. She's closer to ordering plants through the WSA but can't order until the request is approved. She's locked up due to the County. She got push back from WSA themselves. The work will be broken up into 2 dates. October 23rd: Remove English Ivy 6-8 ft along the length of the parking lot. Jeanne must put in an order for mulch. November 6th: With WSA, plant trees and 850 sedges. She's waiting on the witch hazel, which will help stabilize the soil and prevent erosion along the parking lot. Jeanne is going to do a fund raiser on her social media to ask people to donate to CCC to reimburse CCC on the cost of the mulch, as she can't use free wood chips. She got a quote from Gary's Gardens in Severna Park for less than \$300 for a truck load. Phil said that the Stone Store in Odenton delivers mulch as well. Brad K said that Kevin Ciminelli, a former WSA board member owns a Garden Center, and will send Jeanne his contact information. Jeanne sent out a Sign-Up Genius to get helpers early on the Saturday planting day. WSA doesn't allow snacks at the events, but Jeanne will provide bottled water. We ordered plugs from North Creek. 27 flats of sedges will be delivered directly to Jeanne's house. Jeanne K volunteered to be there at 6:30am to place the sedges around the site. Jeanne M would like to hijack a Weed Warrior night to take down vines and English Ivy from the trees. She's hoping it will come together. Worst case, volunteers will remove English Ivy from trees and plant 850 Carex Pensylvanica. She put in a request from Miss Utility to mark out where ground ivy will be pulled.
- h. The Eco Action team project grant was \$800 to be used for the purchase of plants. Stacey reached out to Chloe Rand, the co-president Eco Action Club, as to when CCC would receive the money. Stacey is looking at either 10/2 or 10/9 for planting on the sunny hill of the Serene Ravine. We will be planting full sun plants such as Goldenrod, Butterfly Weed, Little Bluestem, and carex plugs. The Sumac Gro-Low wasn't available.
- i. The Serene Ravine sign is coming along. Ryan signed the permit form. Signs By Design has the design and the map of the ravine where the sign will go, which is the right side of the trail. Stacey talked to them today. As soon as she has that information, she can apply to the County. We will have no application fee since CCC is a 501c3.

4. New business

- a. The Native Plant Sale will be this Saturday, September 25th.
 - i. Brad K made the Native Plant Fest flyer, and they are all hung.

- ii. All plants will be delivered on Friday to Karen's yard and Katherine's driveway on River Bay Rd. Phil, Stacey, Larry, and Bill volunteered to help with unloading, sorting, and cutting the plug trays. At Karen's, Stacey will separate the Eco Action plants and take them to Al's driveway.
- iii. Our goal is to get as much loaded in everyone's vehicles on Friday afternoon and evening. In addition to CCC members who will load their vehicles, our friend Joy who helped with the Strawberry Festival float has a trailer, and Stacey will reach out to Matthew Toronto who has a large trailer.
- iv. Volunteers are needed to help set up at the field on Saturday morning from 7am-9am, answer questions, and refill tables during the sale.
 - v. Stacey has some WSA stewards to volunteer and be first in line to shop. Stacey said we have plenty of volunteers signed up to help with tallying and helping people take purchases to their vehicles.
 - vi. We will aim to have 3 species of plants on each table. Perennials will be in alphabetical order for the most part, with ferns and ground covers in separate groups.
 - vii. We will have no line this year unless things get out of control.
 - viii. We will have 2 lines: 1 for credit, 1 for cash.
 - ix. Once the plants are sold, we must keep the "Fest" part of this event going on, meaning keep the experts at their tables.
 - x. Plant signs and tags:
 - Jeanne K made up 180 plants tags
 - Laura Shrank made up the missing plant signs.
 - Jennifer made up the new plant signs and Stacey printed them.
 - Katherine took Stacey's spreadsheet and organized it by type (perennials, grasses, shrubs, etc.), created 2 lists, sorted alphabetically by common name and Latin name. She also made up charts that are grouped by growing conditions (sun, shade, dry, moist, etc.).
 - xi. Responsibilities (to do ahead of time or bring):
 - Bill – canopy, 2 sawhorses, door, boxes
 - Brad K – table, WSA booth materials
 - Jeanne K - trash can bag, boxes
 - Jeanne M – table
 - Karen – tables, chairs, plant trays
 - Larry – table
 - Phil - Working on borrowing the tables from Mary. He will bring sawhorses and a flat surface, and will drop it off at the field on Friday evening. Phil will get in touch with Ryan on getting the key to the gate. Like in past years, Phil and Sandy will handle purchases. Phil tested his "Square".
 - Stacey – table, clip boards, pens, tally sheets, plant signs, and tape
 - xii. Experts.
 - Adkins Arboretum (Jeremy Houghton)
 - Baywise/Master Gardeners (Sharon Schroer & Meg Hosmer)
 - Chris Pax

- Goshen Farm
- Lights Out Baltimore (Tiffani con Lossburg)
- Magothy River Association (Lisa Crafton)
- Master Naturalists
- Pollinator Pathways (Lauren Toomey). Give away plants
- Unity Gardens (Joni Miller)
- Watershed Stewards Academy (Brad K and Jeanne M)

Adjourned 8:23pm.