

Minutes of Cape Conservation Corps Meeting on 08/16/2021

The meeting was held in the Cape St Claire clubhouse.

In attendance: Stacey Wildberger, Jeanne Martin, Phil Ourisson, Bill Rappoport, Brad Hill, Brad Knopf, Jeanne Klinger, Karen Minor, Larry Jennings, Neil Macindoe

Call to order 7:04pm.

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

2. Treasurer report:

a. Balances:

i. General Fund \$14,586.

ii. Grants \$186.

The CCC credit card number will change, and Phil will inform all of our suppliers of the change.

b. Website: Phil continues to keep up with the website. Stacey mentioned that over the weekend, the latest article on our site received over 150 clicks.

3. Old Business:

a. Stacey called in on Monday night to the Cape BOG meeting, which is still being held virtually.
Highlights:

i. The Lake Claire project is still on for this Fall. On the Project 1 site, probably near the overlook, electronic signage funded by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation will describe living shorelines to prevent erosion;

ii. The sand dunes off Main Beach are beginning to build out, enabling the plantings to take hold and become more established. Approximately 30 more feet of beach has accreted;

iii. The Strawberry Festival is still on for August 28th.

b. Jeanne M is working on the application for the Strawberry Festival parade. The CCC vehicle will be strawberry-themed or conservation-themed. Jeanne will contact Phil to coordinate on picking up the trailer so she can decorate it next weekend. Stacey will probably help with decorating, and Bill and Brad K offered their rain barrels. Jeanne K will join Jeanne M in throwing candy in the parade.

c. Jeanne M gave an update on her WSA capstone project. James and Ryan came out to say what would be needed. The forester said "you can't disturb the land" and that they require a grading plan if you submit a vegetative management plan, so Jeanne does not know how to approach it. Jeanne has volunteers but she is struggling on what to plant. The grading plan requires drawings of what will be removed. The whole project must be approved by the 23rd. Josh will call on Wednesday. Worst case: we can remove the ivy off the trees. They said she can spray all she wants but can't remove a ring of life. The backup plan for Jeanne's project will be to measure the rain garden and expand the activity going on over there. Maybe a cleanup and more planting. With that plan, a full permit will not be needed, but instead just Cape permission. Jeanne said she is still bound and determined to do this project, even if it is not through the WSA.

- d. Habitat Hero tour on 8/21 will feature the properties of Jeanne Klinger, Katherine Salam, Louise Zelton, and the tour end at the Serene Ravine. We will draw some names during the tour and give away some potted plants to the winners. Brad K updated the flyer. Stacey will post it at Graul's.
- e. 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 suggested that maybe CCC could front the money so we can plant. The plan is to plant full sun plants such as Goldenrod, Butterfly Weed, Little Bluestem, Sumac Gro-Low, and some type of carex on the sunny hill in the Serene Ravine. Jeremy will rally kids from the Eco Action Team to plant in October. The \$800 grant will cover most of the plants.
- f. The Native Plant Sale is coming up. Stacey ordered some new plants. Many Habitat Hero tour attendees loved the Jacob Cline Monarda. The total order will be about \$16K. Babikow is about \$9,300 of it; North Creek is \$5,982, Cavanaugh is \$689. Stacey put in a request for the WSA rainscaping model, and she asked for 100 each of the 2 brochures. Stacey made copies of the flyers to put out around the local shopping centers. Karen will put up flyers in Bay Hills Shopping center. Jeanne K will also put out some flyers locally. Laura Shrank volunteered to make up the missing plant signs. Phil said all the photos were on the public domain. Jeanne K made tags for the plants. Phil will ask Mary Lamb about borrowing tables for the sale. Karen, Stacey, Jeanne M, and Brad K will bring their tables. Bill will bring a door, 2 sawhorses, and his canopy. We will need lots of volunteers to help sort and tote plants. Stacey will hit up Kathy, Crystal, Katherine, Casey, and high school kids for tallying and loading. Jeanne K suggested we start collecting boxes. Karen will bring plant trays to accommodate mostly quarts and gallons. Bill will bring 90 boxes. Stacey started printing out the tally sheets. There are no changes on the partners who we expect to participate. So far, we have as a Yes: Baywise, Master Gardeners, Adkins Arboretum, Chris Pax, Unity Gardens, Magothy River Association, Watershed Stewards, Master Naturalists, Goshen, Pollinator Pathways, Lights Out Baltimore. Jeanne M will email Elmer with Pollinator Pathways. He works with Sam Droege. He had said they would bring plants to give away at the Plant Sale. We don't know what scale he's talking about so Jeanne will find out more. If and when we run out of plants, we need to stay, and the partners must stay too. Stacey has been getting great and positive comments about the upcoming sale.

4. New business

- a. Jeanne M put the Serene Ravine sign together. Chris Krissoff on Facebook provided a photo of the bushes, which was helpful. Phil noted that CCC was founded in 2015 (not 2016) and that we should start the list with Friends of Lake Claire forming as an informal group. Bill said it started in 2013. Al suggested we add the Eco Goats to the list. Ryan sent Stacey all the links for the permitting. The lady from the County thinks we need a permit for the sign at the Serene Ravine. Neil confirmed that the County requires a permit. Stacey is trying to convince her husband to do the application for the permit.
- b. We passed the motion to ask CSCIA for permission to install trail cameras on the Cape property in the Serene Ravine to prevent vandalism on future CCC projects. CSCIA have two trail cameras we may be able to borrow.
- c. Stacey reached out to the guy Jennifer suggested about spraying in the ravines. Stacey and Ryan will meet him on Wednesday to walk the ravine to observe the Bushkiller vine, and the Little Magothy to address the phragmites. Stacey will let us know what he says. Ryan said the BOG has some money in the budget to contribute.

- d. Stacey emailed CCC about a 3rd edition of the book on Invader Plants. A discount is available for bulk orders (amount over 50). The lady in Cheverly who is part of a club similar to CCC will split an order with us. CCC can use our 25 books as prizes, or we can sell them.
- e. CCC Membership: Jeanne M wrote down some concrete examples of the benefits of being a CCC member. She solicited the group for other ideas/examples. Larry contributed his thoughts. We should brainstorm on concrete examples of the benefits of being a member of CCC.
- f. We agreed to cancel the Harvest Bash this year to protect the health of the community. Phil volunteered to send an email notifying of the cancellation with an appeal for financial contributions to CCC.
- g. Jeanne K said that Goshen did a raffle at \$5 per ticket for 2 kayaks, and she suggested that CCC should do something similar as an online fundraiser. We discussed what type of raffle prize would represent CCC? Some suggestions were rain barrels, landscaping, 10 tree seedlings.
- h. Brad K reported the good news that we have a new oyster nursery team.
- i. Brad H suggested someone who is in environmental conservation and might be interested in attending CCC meetings. Stacey texted her today and introduced herself and told her about what CCC does.

Adjourned 8:35pm.