

Minutes of Cape Conservation Corps Meeting on 2/21/2022

The meeting was held in the Cape St. Claire Clubhouse.

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

Call to order 7:05pm.

1. Minutes from the January meeting were approved.
2. Treasurer's report:
 - a. Phil sent latest account activity with balances. The General Fund balance is \$13,591. The Grants balance is \$3964. Phil just received a \$73 check that is not included.
 - b. Phil has been keeping up with the CCC website, including doing some clean-up and posting upcoming events in 2022. We determined the Native Plant Fest will be on September 24th. Phil will post that on our site, submit the sign board request, and approach the Cape St Claire office to reserve the field and advise that CCC will have the plants delivered the day before and set up that night in the field. Jeanne K suggested we place tarps over the plants and place them all up against the fences in the back.
3. Old business:
 - a. Stacey attended the BOG meeting. It was not a quorum, so it wasn't official. Her summary:
 - i. They discussed the beach projects. Work is wrapping up on both sites. The reef balls have been installed off Lake Claire beach, and the batten boards have been installed at Site 2 as well.
 - ii. Mary asked CCC to have a table the Strawberry Festival with something to give away, such as seeds. The event will take place on the first Saturday in June. We all are in favor of committing to having a table and agreed that doing so will help us promote our Native Plant Sale.
 - iii. The Broadneck Council of Communities will convene at the Clubhouse this Thursday, February 24th at 6:30 to address the Bay Bridge traffic and discuss land use of Ferry Point Farm property, which is owned by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF). They gave them a 99-year lease. The property was supposed to be for public access. The hope is that the property can at least be opened for kayak launching. The political representatives are expected to attend the meeting.
 - b. Stacey got the Unity Gardens grant application submitted yesterday. Joni Miller from Unity Gardens will be in touch if they have any questions about the application. Stacey applied for the \$3K grant. If we don't get that, we would get considered for the \$1K grant. We will know by March 25th. Stacey said we can only submit one grant application per year.
 - c. Project Clean Stream will be the morning of Saturday, April 2nd, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.
 - d. The Serene Ravine sign has been installed and looks great. It is visible from the street. The sign company installed a similar sign at the Main Beach. CCC will have a Weed Warriors Kickoff/Open House for the new sign reveal at the Serene Ravine on Friday, April 8th from 5:00-7:00 pm.
 - e. Jeanne K asked about the benches that were on the Main Beach. Neil said they have them stored and that after the sand settles, they will be put back.
 - f. Native Plant Swap will be limited to 25 participants. 14 people have signed up so far. Pick-up will be Sunday, May 1st, at Karen's house. The CCC Board can let Stacey know what we want.
 - g. Larry asked about cats hunting in his yard every single day. Neil had a similar problem and went to animal control. Have-a-Heart cut a deal with a private group. If you catch the animal, they will sterilize it, notch its ear, and release it in the community. They won't be euthanized anymore. Phil said the County has a leash law on all pets.

- h. Weed Warriors: Jeanne K led a weeding event last Saturday, with help from Kathy Hagerty, Jeanne K, and Brad. They weeded for 2 hours, filling at least 5 bags, and Brad stripped the ivy off 6 trees. We should keep an eye out for another warm day and attack the ivy at the Little Magothy rain garden.
- i. Last meeting, we discussed that a few people were going to check on guest speakers. Phil said he approached both CBF and the Nature Conservancy about providing speakers once Covid over with. Both organizations agreed. Phil noted that establishing more contact with these 2 groups will facilitate getting input from them on how we can do things better in the future. Marita watched the symposium on Friday. There was a speaker she really liked named Kelly. She reached out to him. Sam Droege was free. Chris Pax spoke at the Garden Club. Tonya (not present) will look into finding possible guest speakers from her Anne Arundel Community College contacts.
- j. Doug Tallamy will be speaking at the Homeowners Expo on Riva Rd Sunday at 1:00. He will be giving his Nature's Best Hope speech at the Byzantine Greek Church.

4. New Business

- a. Stacey talked to Lydia McPherson Shamberger briefly yesterday about her WSA project, which will focus on some of the remaining areas around the Deep Creek parking lot. Stacey and Jeanne M loaded the remaining 8 bags of pulled ivy into the Deep Creek dumpster. Lydia will go out and measure the site. Stacey reached out to Ryan about it. Once we find out the total square feet of the planned work of Lydia's project, we will have a better idea of how much CCC funding to contribute towards it. Larry said that a bag of mulch was supposed to go with each tree through Tree Troopers. Jeanne M's WSA project funding was a little less than \$2,500. Stacey has several flats of Carex at her house that she is overwintering. Katherine is also overwintering Carex Eburnea.
- b. Stacey did a birthday fundraiser on Facebook and raised \$425, so that can be added to the grants balance. Jeanne M's birthday is coming up. Stacey suggested Lydia do a Facebook fundraiser as well. Stacey received another \$500 from her company (Wells Fargo) for being on the CCC board again this year.
- c. Phil sent the invitation from CBF about webinars regarding oyster reef restoration. Phil succeeded in getting a link of the 1-hour recording of the seminar. Phil will send us the link about it.
- d. The reef balls at the Lake Claire site are to provide fish habitat. Brad said that he and the Magothy River Association are investigating to determine if the salinity at the Lake Claire site would be conducive to possibly putting some of the oyster spat there, in addition to the Dobbin site.
- e. Stacey is still working for the CBT mini grant to get funding for Spring.
- f. Brad, Stacey, Jeanne M, Katie Scott Kelly, and Ryan are presenting at the WSA conference Saturday about getting involved in the community.

5. Adjourned 8:04pm.