

Minutes of Cape Conservation Corps Meeting on 6/20/2022

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

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

Call to order: 7:08pm.

1. Phil had some edits to the last month's meeting minutes that Karen sent out. The May minutes were approved as edited.
2. Treasurer's report:
 - a. Phil sent an email with account balance details. General Fund balance: \$12,708, Grants balance: \$5,991. We received the \$3,500 grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust (CBT) and got another \$30 from Wells Fargo. We would use the CBT money first in the first sprayings and then use the \$2,000 after that. Phil said we got half the money from CSCIA for the Project Clean Stream dumpster.
 - b. Phil is keeping up with the website, including publishing Stacey's blog article.
3. Welcome new board members and guests. Allison Becker is interested in getting involved. She is on the board of the Parent Teachers Organization at Cape St. Claire Elementary. She reached out for support and information. The pollinator garden on the school grounds needs a lot of help. Larry and Ally could give some advice. Lydia is going to try and apply for the Unity Gardens grant.
4. Old business:
 - a. Stacey attended the monthly Board of Governor's meeting. She summarized what was discussed, including: Cape Cleanup July 23rd & 24th; The July 4th celebration will include a parade and games for little kids down at the Main Beach; Boat Slips; Monitoring of beach projects costs \$2,000 per month (The monitoring contract ends in September); Phil tried the Chrono Log but could not upload his photo. Phil said the placement isn't aimed at Lake Claire beach; The Board of Governors is now down to only 7 people and needs new members due to losing Bill Szczytko, Lisa Schmidt, Jerome Zadera, and Jeff Roche.
 - b. Next Tuesday, Stacey, Beau, & Christine Ryder will meet to narrow down projects to focus on and look at sites three through seven. Stacey requested that we all brainstorm & send her an email if you would like something additional considered.
 - i. At the Park Circle site, Katie Scott, her son Grant, and Jeanne K removed English Ivy and planted a few things as part of Grant's project for school. He is on the Environmental Science track at Broadneck High School. He wants to do his Eagle Scout project at the site.
 - ii. Brad has eight or nine nursery cages plus several more from growers with boats and so no way to take their oysters to the reef that we will use to plant in the reef balls. To plant, we would need a funnel to drop them into the inside. Brad Hill put some in already, and Dan Power took his out as well. Beau was concerned about permitting, but Brad contacted DNR, who said no additional permits are needed. Brad also talked about it with Paul Spadaro, president of the Magothy River Association. We will proceed full steam ahead with putting them out there and doing it annually. The oysters should grow an inch a year.
 - c. The Strawberry Festival CCC float and table was a success. We had good weather and good turnout. We had a lot of helpers. Brad noted that Katie Scott Kelly was extremely effective at running the booth. Many people stopped by and did the Earth craft. People were taking stickers. The winners

of the picture and cooler drawings were excited. We got three pages of names and emails. (Stacey sent them an email.) We got three memberships out of the sign-up sheet and a \$12 donation. The couple that donated the \$12 is excited to help out.

- d. The Native Plant Sale date is September 17th. A guy who propagates plants reached out to Stacey to ask about selling his gallon containers of plants. We sell our gallons for \$6-\$7, but his gallons are \$9, which includes delivery. He has 25 Buttonbush, 10 Clethra Alnifolia, 20 Inkberry Hollies, and 10 Blackhaw Viburnum. He sent photos and they look good. Stacey has placed an order. We could sell these shrubs for \$15 instead of \$9 to offset some costs. Stacey put out Eventshare questions about shrubs, and she got a lot of feedback. One lady said she would buy 10 Inkberry Hollies. Stacey let one lady who has contributed monthly to pre-order. Last year, Alison Milligan brought us shrubs at \$20 apiece and we sold each for \$25 and they all sold. Do we want to do that as well? Stacey would tell her what we would want or would not want. The following is what we have for outstanding orders:

- North Creek plugs: \$7,261. \$609 will go to Lydia's WSA project and \$6,652 will be what we will sell. Stacey reduced Carex overall, but we will have 15 flats of Carex Pensylvanica since they go well. She got more flats of what will sell well such as Pussytoes. Phil noted that we expect a shipment of North Creek plants Stacey's house this week for Al and some flats of Carex Amphibola to plant at the Little Magothy beach site.
- Babikow: \$10,689 (Lydia's portion is \$542), but this total amount will go down a bit, because Stacey will reduce ferns and add Allium.
- Cavanaughes: Stacey will get Cinnamon Fern from Babikow or add anything else that does not available at Babikow.

In all, we spent about \$17,000 last year. Stacey added new things, like native Honeysuckle, Nodding Onion, Rattlesnake Master. Deliveries will be on Friday and go directly to the field. We are still on track for our people regular: Pollinator Pathways who will do another giveaway (Jim McNichol), WSA table (Lydia, Jeanne M, Brad, Katie), Nancy Lawson, Magothy River Association, and the Master Gardener Bay-Wise Program. Jeanne M pointed out that it would be good to have someone like Ryan or Beau there to provide information about the Cape beach restoration projects, and Jeanne K suggested the Tree Troopers.

- e. Phil talked to the Nature Conservancy. He went on an outing and met the one person who would make the presentation about living shorelines and beach restoration. She is very upbeat and is very willing to speak at the Clubhouse for free. Phil followed up with an email after talking to her about what CCC does. This would be a good opportunity to forge a relationship between the Nature Conservancy and CCC. Phil said that since the Harvest Bash may not be worth it anymore, this would be something we could do in the fall instead. We could do Thursday which is cheaper than Friday night. Phil will look into her availability. Stacey talked to the Broadneck library which would be free, and it would be promoted thru the library system. Phil will follow up with the library. Larry said we could bring some drinks and nibbles, and that he could talk about oyster restoration too. All are in favor.
- f. Weed Warriors this week was at the Little Magothy beach site. Bill, Jeanne K, Vera, Katherine, Katie Scott, and Maddie have been coming out and doing the Little Magothy weeding. Today, Stacey, Karen, and Mike Travers came out at the Serene Ravine to pull weeds. The spraying last year at the Serene Ravine killed some Bushkiller, but also killed some good stuff, such as a River Birch by the path. Some of the trees are struggling. The sunnier area is pretty decimated by the spraying. Phil noted that even though the spray degrades, it has residual effects in the ground, which

is why we are using it. Stacey talked to the spraying contractor. They decided not to spray until this fall.

- g. The Habitat Heroes tour this past Saturday was a success. Over twenty people came to visit the four properties, and the tour ended about 11:00. The owners of the last property were not home but gave permission for tour participants to walk around. Raffle tickets were drawn at each house, and we gave away some plants and a Sand County Almanac book. We also handed out stickers and brochures about bees and Monarch butterflies. We got 1 membership out of it, from a lady whose daughter propagates plants and sells them.
- h. We will table discussion of English Ivy removal and promotion of Big Trees for now since Al is not here. We talked about trying to find the biggest trees in the community of each species and giving recognition to those people, such as the owners of the property with the big red bald Cypress at Latrobe and St Johns. Jeanne M will be on that committee with Larry and Al.
- i. WSA candidate report: Lydia is moving forward with her project. She provided Jeanne M and Stacey a timeline and filled out a Vegetative Management Plan. Ryan signed off on it and Stacey gave it directly to Bud Reeves, the County Forester. Lydia said her project is right at the 100 ft buffer, but Bud will confirm if that's the case. Work at project site will be in October. Lydia will apply for the Unity Gardens grant, but we might not get it since we have already gotten the grant several times. Her project will require about \$1,700 for plants and \$400 for mulch. Brad said we could go to Matt Toronto to take away our bags of weeds for less than the cost of dumpsters. WSA will give her \$500 whether or not she gets a Unity Gardens grant, and then CCC's contribution will be \$1,000. If the Unity Gardens grant is not awarded, CCC's contribution will be \$1,800. Jeanne M said to please post on Facebook that it's your birthday to raise money. At the project site, there is a lot of junk in there and poison ivy. Stacey suggested letting the Redbud tree seedlings already there to continue to grow. Lydia's plant list will include Carex Pensylvanica, Coral Bells, Solidago, Foam Flower, Phlox, Serviceberry trees, and 3 shrubs (either witch hazel or something different). We could go through Tree Troopers to get the shrubs. Jeff Haines is in Tree Troopers, and he has approximately 80 trees coming, so Stacey hopes that we could just add to their order. Stacey will contact Rob Pavlick, who is WSA's Restoration Technician. Bill said delivery of the Tree Trooper trees is on September 30th.

5. New business:

- a. Spraying in the Serene Ravine is paused. They are spot spraying only.
- b. Allison Becker had been interested in getting involved with CCC, so she will officially join the CCC Board too. Allison is new to the Cape, and her daughter attends Cape St Claire Elementary School. The school is trying to renew their Blue Ribbon status as a school. Allison is a member of the Parent Teachers Organization there and is involved with the Green Team, which is trying to revive the school's abandoned pollinator garden and intends to start composting of the cafeteria refuse. The school also has a plot at Goshen Farm. She wants any ideas of what they can do at the school. They would need some teacher and parent support. Larry said the 3rd or 4th week of September is ideal for planting in the pollinator garden, since we may have some plants left. There was one teacher trying to work on this, so Allison has connected with her so they can collaborate to come up with some projects for the upcoming year. Larry suggested to show Allison some ground covers at Goshen Farm, and Jeanne M suggested getting a Pollinator Pathways sign added to the garden. Jeanne has a kid at the Cape Elementary too. Jeanne is already on the committee for the boy scout pack, and they need some projects. Jeanne thought that maybe the library could take stories and

legally photocopy them and staked them along a pathway of the Serene Ravine and have a story on Earth Day. That might be cute. Allison wants to come up with a project to benefit the community.

- c. We voted not to do a CCC float at the July 4th parade.
- d. Brad will get the prices for us for more T-shirts. We need more shirts for regular volunteers and new board members.

Adjourned 8:37pm.