

Minutes of Cape Conservation Corps Meeting on 9/19/2022

The meeting was held at the Cape St. Claire clubhouse.

In attendance (alphabetically): Alison Sayres, Bill Rappoport, Brad Knopf, Larry Jennings, Karen Minor, Phil Ourisson, Stacey Wildberger, Tonya Powell

Call to order: 7:05pm.

1. The August CCC meeting minutes were approved pending review and corrections.
2. Treasurer's report: No report on balances at this time. Money is coming in and out constantly. Phil sent out a final check for plant purchases. We should be all done with payments.
3. Stacey attended last Monday's monthly Board of Governor's meeting. Her summary: They had a Bay Bridge meeting. They are just starting their plans for a study. One of the bridges is going to fail within twenty years. The new span would replace those; Candidate's night is coming up on September 29th from 7-9pm. That's a Broadneck Council of Communities thing. They deal with Bay Bridge and service road issues but many more issues. Beau is on the Board. Brad suggested we consider having representation from CCC; The quarterly meeting for the CSCIA BOG is next month at 7:30pm on the 4th Tuesday in October (October 25th); The Little Magothy Association group is asking for emergency funding from CSC in the amount of \$20-25K for dredging and since CSC benefitted from the sand. Sand is accumulating in front of the channel and some people have run aground. It is a hazard. Discussion continued in closed session; October 22nd is Halloween Happenings. CCC has done a table before. Stacey still has pencils, bats, and erasers. CCC votes No on attending; There are changes going on at the pier. Ninety-nine people are on the wait list. There is an impending rate increase; The general election is here on the 18th; Beach monitoring is ongoing. They are still discussing the Deep Creek dredging project. There is a very large fee to do that sort of project. Now they are looking at a seeding project of SAVs which would cost about a thousand dollars.
4. Old business:
 - a. Weed Warriors is still ongoing. We can't meet at 5pm once the time change happens. They sprayed on Thursday at the Serene Ravine. Different chemicals, triclopyr and glyphosate, were used. Our plan is to replant trees back since some were lost due to the previous spraying. Rob Wood, who lives across from the pump house, showed Stacey how new natives are popping up near his pier where he had removed phragmites. He also removed about 15-20 nandina shrubs from around his deck, and he replaced them all with spice bush. Weed Warriors has been alternating between Serene Ravine and Little Magothy, so this week will be the Little Magothy. About 50 people applied for Replant Anne Arundel. We can plant them around in the Little Magothy beach park. Weed Warriors removed hundreds of Burning Bush, and removal of English Ivy is ongoing. We got about 2-3 of 12 different types of plants. Some will work in shady areas, and some will work in sunny areas. When Weed Warriors works on Wednesday, we can see which plants can be used there, and the rest can be used in the Serene Ravine the following week.
 - b. For the speaking event with Jackie Specht of the Nature Conservancy on Friday, November 4th, Phil reported that we are cleared to use the projector and screen. We can make the event BYOB, and we

can serve water. Phil will bring a cooler of drinking water from his house, or we can bring water from Graul's. For a snack, we'll provide bags of chips. Phil said he will ask Graul's for a veggie tray donation. Doors will open at 6pm, and the speaker will start at 7pm. Beau will speak after Jackie.

- c. Stacey has an idea for fundraiser for that event: We could sell a \$5 raffle ticket for Larry's and Alison Milligan's services for garden consultation. Winners must live on the Broadneck Peninsula. Larry and Alison would go and consult at the winner's house for 2 hours and recommend some plants. (Larry consulted before with a lady that lives outside of the Cape. Larry wrote up a plan for her. She volunteered all day at the Plant Sale, and she ordered all of the plants that Larry ordered at the same prices we had at the Plant Sale. She would have paid over 2 times that if she had bought at a place like Homestead Gardens. Larry will go back and place her plants.) Even if we sold \$50 worth of raffle tickets, it would be worthwhile. Larry has helped many people, such as Allison Becker, who bought several hundred dollars' worth of plants at the Plant Sale. People are looking for that kind of help. The other possible fundraiser thing we can do that night is Brad's Water Savers cartoon. We are working with WSA to compile a calendar with 2 cartoons for every month. The hope is that calendars will be done by the end of October. If the calendars are ready by the event, we could have them there with a suggested donation of \$20.
- d. The Big Trees committee (Brad, Al, and Rob Corletta) met at Al Todd's house. In your packet are the meeting minutes from that that Al typed up. Everyone can review them this month, and next month we can discuss those ideas. Phil mentioned that, like Rob Corletta, who is an urban arborist in D.C., the Nature Conservancy is also involved in urban projects. Brad said so many ideas resulted from the brainstorming from this meeting. They all agreed we should start slowly on the ideas that were come up with. Brad said it was a very productive meeting.
- e. The Tree Trooper project is Katie Scott Kelly's WSA Capstone project. On the 9th, we will plant the trees. The trees are being delivered on October 7th to the Little Magothy site. Katie wants to do a plan of where they are going. Stacey will do a Sign-Up Genius to get help with planting. Fifteen trees can be planted where the Burning Bush was cleared. Lydia's WSA Capstone project at the Deep Creek boat ramp is October 1st and October 8th. Stacey reached out to Broadneck High School students from the Science Honors Society that have been signing up for Weed Warriors who hopefully can help with the planting of the 15 trees on Sunday October 9th in the afternoon from 1-4pm. (See Stacey's write-up). Stacey said to let her know if you can think of any other groups that we can tap into to get some help with planting.
- f. Bella's fundraiser and Ace fundraiser: Stacey needs to follow up since she hasn't heard from either of them yet.
- g. Lydia's WSA report: Sign-up for her project is available now. The check from Unity Gardens came in with Lydia's name on it. Lydia is in contact with Phil about that. She will get \$500 from WSA, \$493.80 from Unity Gardens, and CCC will pay \$738. We won't have to buy 20 bags of mulch since Tree Troopers provides bags of mulch, so that will save us \$400. Matthew Toronto will haul up to two truckloads of weeds to the dump for \$100 per load. Stacey had originally budgeted \$300 for disposal. Some nice things will be planted. Phil mentioned that from a Treasurer's point of view, when he reports to the State, he likes to list the projects the money was used for. They want to know what we are spending money on (projects that fall under CCC's mission).
- h. The Native Plant Sale was a great success. We all came together, even with the unexpected North Creek delivery on the Thursday before the sale. We all agreed that having Karen's 5 tables, chairs, and plants delivered on Friday to the site worked out well. Stacey had her plant list and was able to

designate what plants went on each table. We were done with the set up a little after 8am. Phil said Mary was so fabulous with allowing Phil to borrow all the tables, and she was fabulous with Phil returning the key. We borrowed 21 tables from her. Next year, Phil will use one of the Strawberry Festival tables for the Treasurer's payment table. Phil said Katherine was also fabulous. She kept people in line and talked about the plants with people and gave them ideas. Stacey mentioned that Katherine was also really good at keeping track of what plants sold the fastest. She took notes on every plant. Stacey is using that information as a basis for the future 2023 list. Many people did things behind the scenes. A big thank you to Laura Shrank and Melissa Day who did new plant descriptions and photos, and Crystal did the QR codes. Stacey gives all that information to Jennifer Vaccaro to do the layouts for did the signs. Regarding the big line of people, Stacey was thinking maybe set up the vendor tables along where customers are lined up. Larry and Alison Milligan could be there too, walking down the line and talking to people and interacting, so the people aren't bored. Once all was set up, Phil talked to people too and explained the process. He got some good questions. Alison Sayres said that many people were so grateful and gave us some nice compliments. Stacey posted on a Facebook page asking people for feedback. Everyone was so complimentary and commented on how their past purchases were doing well. Stacey also posted a photo of the monarch caterpillar on a plant. Bill mentioned that the plants were in really good shape. We agreed that it would be good to have a few boy scouts to help people bring plants to people's cars. Alison and Phil said most people paid by credit card, with only about 10% paid in cash. There was never too long of a line. It was good having tallyers partnered up. Tonya suggested that next time we should have something to mark that a pile is sold with a reg flag. Stacey will suggest that people bring wagons. We also need another way of adhering signs to the tables. Brad suggested using ribbon. Phil is on good communication with Mary and keeping the tables in good condition. There are approximately 50-60 plant signs. Phil said they got \$30-\$45 in donations. Phil said that getting donations would be apart from the Sale. Stacey suggested asking for donations ahead of time. She thought that for a suggested donation of \$100, Larry or Alison would provide a consultation session and have a plant list of the sale and accept presale orders with prepay. Phil was concerned that if we get 5 people that are interested in this, that it would take a lot of Larry's time. Larry said no problem. For anyone who hits our website, Larry is willing to donate his time to do that and he can decide where to cut it off. Larry and Stacey would advertise it on Facebook. Phil suggested to charge at least \$200/\$250. This is an opportunity to get plants at 1/3 of retail cost ahead of time. All CCC members present voted in favor of that.

- i. Tomorrow from 5-7pm in Katherine's driveway, the trees will be sold, as well as unsold plants, such as mountain mint, monarda, 24 blue bunny, 8 royal fern, and Aster 'October Skies'.

5. New business:

- a. WSA survey: WSA wants to send out a survey to different HOA communities. They reached out to Brad, Stacey, and Ryan asking for a list of emails of residents. Brad said they could do that as a 21409 blank post office mail. Stacey will talk to Ryan and say it doesn't involve us.
- b. WSA Class 15 is starting now. Part of it is doing a community project in the ground. The WSA coordinator, Jeff Popp, wants us to suggest a resident, and then WSA will would do an assessment and work with the homeowner at no cost to put in a rain garden, or rain barrel, and/or conservation landscaping. The class comes in and does a site assessment on a Saturday, and the next Saturday to do the installation. We would rather do two residential sites than two community sites. Ryan said that is fine. They want CCC to help figure out or suggest what properties to do. If anyone knows of

a property, let Stacey know. Brad suggested we try asking people through the CCC website if they are interested.

- c. The short version of the 2023 WSA calendar, costing \$5-6, will have 24 of Brad's Water Saver cartoons. Stacey suggested offering it for events. Brad's friends are convinced we can get a \$20 donation for each, to help cover printing costs and some for the host organizations.
- d. Stacey thought about an internal thing for people who need shrubs: to put together a pre-order and pre-pay shrub list with Alison. We will place a restoration shrub order with Allison Milligan for Little Magothy Beach park. We can tag on to the orders for Board members and through word of mouth.
- e. We are required to have a membership meeting in October, next month, October 17th. Phil will send an email blast to the members. We will ask if officers if they wish to continue in their office or step down. If anyone steps down, we will select a replacement. Voting will take place in November meeting. We can talk about it next month.

Adjourned 9:05pm.