

Minutes of Cape Conservation Corps Meeting on 11/21/2022

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

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

Call to order: 7:06pm.

1. The October CCC meeting minutes were approved pending changes.
2. Treasurer's report:
 - a. Phil sent out an email with details on the accounts. The General Fund balance is \$19315 but also have \$1,407 pending due to credit cards and checks. We owe \$1,540 sales tax and have a \$500 check going out to Olivia West. The Grants balance is \$1,255 but we owe \$650 for spraying in the Serene Ravine. Phil hasn't gotten an invoice for that yet so he will check with Leslie. The Watershed Stewards Academy (WSA) owes us \$400, so we should get that soon. Phil made it a point to acknowledge the \$860 we have received from Broadneck Grill. Also very significant are the several thousands of dollars from Wells Fargo. Stacey donates to CCC through regular payroll deductions, and Wells Fargo matches those contributions, and they award money for hours Stacey puts in as a volunteer.
 - b. We need to set up a new page, "Cape Loves Trees", and a new page for Larry's donated landscape consulting. Bill S will construct the pages for us, then we'll have to figure out and create the content. An email transfer to Al's account will need to set up as well. Phil said that, on the CCC blog, it took a little while to add the "Cape Loves Trees" heart. It's posted as a picture. Maybe we can use that as a header. Al will start working on the page outline and send it to Phil. Regarding the calendars, Phil is not sure what we need to do on the website. He intends to show some of the pages. He sent an email on how to pay for it (after Brad sent the pdf) and the proposed verbiage on how to pay for it. Everything looks good. Phil will add something on the site describing the calendars and how to donate the suggested \$20 donation. Jeanne volunteered to deliver calendars, or alternatively, we will charge an extra \$5 to mailing them. Any profits that each organization gets (CCC or WSA), that organization will keep. WSA will pay us \$6 per calendar. Brad lined it all up and clarified it. Magothy River Association is in. It will cost them \$7 each for the new back page. They will replace theirs with that one. Brad said there are about five calendars left. WSA is pressing for another order, contingent on the graduation. We will wait until we get some orders to order more. Phil will work on getting the site updated with that appeal.
3. Stacey attended the last CSCIA quarterly meeting and reported nothing new. She also attended last Monday's monthly Board of Governor's meeting. Her summary: Olivia West gave a good presentation. She presented to them and told them that CCC donated \$500. She will let us know when and how she wants the money. CSCIA said they would match up to \$500. Garden Club gave them \$250. She will let us know if she doesn't need all the money from us; Many volunteers, including Bill, Brad, Phil, Jeanne K, people from the National Honor Society, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts, turned out to move rocks that were blocking access to the at Main Beach; The Christmas

Tree Lighting will be November 27th; The BOG got a big projector for outdoor use (maybe CCC could use that in the future like an environmental film; Broadneck Council will have a speaker on the minor improvements on College Parkway. There will be a survey at some point on the CSCIA website; Al mentioned that they need to plant trees in between the road and path. Amanda Fiedler promised Al it would be different this time; With the Deep Creek dredging permits approved, the work will start in December. They had told us that the Lake Claire mitigation project is part of that; The BOG filled the two vacant positions, and they have more people coming in January.

4. Old business:

- a. Weed Warriors finished the mulching at the Serene Ravine, and two weeks before, they worked at the Little Magothy site. Al has been working on the mulch pile. If anyone wants some mulch, they can take some. Christmas ferns are the only plants left that are coming (two flats from North Creek), which will be on the 13th. If there are some nice weekend days, you can go out there and work on pulling English Ivy. Stacey will send something out from time to time. There is a guy that needs service hours has been working over there. He will be working throughout the winter. The path looks really good at the Little Magothy site. They planted six trees and a flat of Foam Flower. Beau praises CCC's Weed Warriors work at every meeting.
- b. At the Nature Conservancy speaking event, Beau talked about the Park Place area. That will be quite an endeavor. Phil looked at it closer. It is chock full of invasive stuff. Jeanne said different groups have tried to work on it, but it has not been regularly maintained. Brad noted that there are a lot of mature trees there and not a lot of trash, which is good. Al suggested focusing on a one-acre area.
- c. Stacey thought the Nature Conservancy speaking event went well. She had good slides. Beau's talk was so informative. Many of us loved it. He is a great speaker. Phil noticed we don't need a full hour ahead of time. Some people left before the talk even started. We only need 30 minutes ahead of time.
- d. Al will work on the Cape Loves Trees website content. We don't need anything Caper-wise until January 12th for the February issue. Al will write an article for that.

5. New business:

- a. Stacey wants benches at the Little Magothy Beach site, and she mentioned to Beau that we need a bench built. Stacey wants these future benches to be longer than the ones in the Serene Ravine.
- b. For next year's Native Plant Sale, it's time to think about the plants we will want to order from North Creek. Stacey will work on that. She made some notes on what didn't sell as well, and things to increase. The grasses and ground covers work the best. The guy we worked with last year (Edwin) will work with us, and we will work with Alison Milligan again too. She orders from Shott's Nursey and Octoraro. Al will send Stacey Octoraro's information.
- c. In the Spring, we should do the Plant Swap again. It's a good educational and goodwill event.
- d. Beau, Brad, Larry, Stacey, and Christine Ryder, all on the Grant Committee, met and talked about going after big grants. They want to partner with the Alliance again. Not sure if they want to be on board with that. Kate of the Alliance of The Chesapeake Bay is excited and wants to serve as the sponsor. They will be the managing partner of the Cape restoration. (Cape Board can't do it.) The next committee meeting is December 6th, from 7:00-8:00pm at the Clubhouse. Phil will join the committee.

- e. We had two winners for the Garden Advisory. Three of Beau's 5 tickets were winners, and he graciously didn't take the 2nd and 3rd spots. Melissa Day won one. Those consultations will be in the Spring.
- f. Phil wanted to share that he's attended two webinars by the Nature Conservancy. The one about insects was fascinating. The Nature Conservancy guy's photos were fantastic, and the insects were all alive. Phil is thinking of approaching the Nature Conservancy about having someone who is local to talk to us. On one of the sites they own out West, there are bison that roam never cultivated native prairie. They bought adjacent land bringing back to native. Insects came back to that site. Phil will ask them under what conditions can the webinar be shared. Stacey is interested in seeing it.
- g. Phil will send a thank you note to anyone who buys a calendar. In the future, Phil would rather pay the 6% sales tax on the calendars.

Adjourned 8:12pm.