

Minutes of Cape Conservation Corps Meeting on 05/20/2024

In attendance:

Board members:

Alison Sayres, Bill Rappoport, Brad Knopf, Jeanne Klinger, Jennifer Conner, Karen Minor, Larry Jennings, Marcia Dudley, Phil Ourisson, Stacey Wildberger Guests:
Cathy Gazzo

Call to order: 7:04pm.

1. The April CCC meeting minutes were approved pending review by board members.
2. Treasurer's report:
 - a. Account balances: (Phil sent an email of the details)
 - i. General Fund: \$25,550
 - ii. Grants Fund: \$0
 - b. CCC website: Not a lot of activity. Phil posted the last blog article to the website. He also mentioned that he deleted Al Todd from the CCC board list.
 - c. Phil noted that all have paid for their shrubs.
3. Stacey attended the most recent CSCIA BOG meeting. Her summary:
 - a. The Cape Cleanup is Wednesday, June 12th through Friday, June 14th.
 - b. On Monday, June 3rd, from 9am-12pm the Grants Committee will visit sites 1 & 2 and discuss the next rounds of grants.
 - c. Twenty-eight beach attendants were hired.
 - d. A BCC quarterly meeting is set to happen in July to discuss traffic patterns and new stop lights.
 - e. All boats must be in the water by Saturday, June 1st.
 - f. Ellen Prager had donated some good books at the silent auction. She and her husband were talking about monitoring water levels. The BOG gave them approval to apply for a grant. Stacey offered CCC as the sponsoring non-profit organization.
 - g. On Tuesday, June 11th at 9:45am, teachers and students from the Harbor School will do a cleanup at Cape Main Beach (Beau will meet them) and they will visit the oyster nursery. Brad will talk about the oysters. This will be a quick look-see of middle school age kids. They will rotate the visitors in three groups to visit three stations.
 - h. There was a 45-minute presentation on zoning tables and to discuss rezoning areas as open space, residential, etc. in Cape. Anything disagreed by BOG will ask for that to be amended by the representative. For example, Deep Creek open space will be marina zoned. Beau was appointed as the keeper/reviewer. Not much affecting us in Cape.
4. Committee Reports:
 - a. For Weed Warriors this week, we have 30 people signed up, many of which are kids. At Little Magothy Beach, cut log rounds can be spread along the path, there are 12 ferns to plant and the English Ivy up in the front can be pulled. There's a big patch at the other end of the path. Betsy and the 4 usual (Jeanne, Marcia, Stacey, Bill) have been wedding every week.
 - b. Big Trees: Al Todd left this morning to move to his new home in South Carolina. Brad is officially on the email for Big Trees. Stacey emailed Robert thanking him for what he's done so far and to ask

him to continue if he wants. Phil, as CCC Treasurer, received an email regarding Big Trees from someone in Atlanta who has a tulip poplar. Brad volunteered to take a look at the email.

- c. Garden Advisory is picking up. Larry ran out of cards and needs more. Genesis Tree Care gets an hour and a half in return for their sponsorship. Larry said he will have three to four more Garden Advisor gigs soon.
- d. Grants Committee: The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay is working on the next set of grants for this year. Wells Fargo matches Stacey's payroll deduction. Also, the Wells Fargo foundation gives bigger amounts, like \$10K. Stacey is looking into that program to get a bigger chunk of money and she gave Beau a heads up on that. The foundation coordinates employees for working at sites. Stacey will work on getting a tree planting event in the Fall, maybe in October. Phil noted that we got a bigger grant from Wells Fargo as well. It was more than \$1K. He can't remember the details. He will go back and look for more information on it. Stacey hasn't heard back about the Chesapeake Bay Trust Mini grant, so that is still pending.
- e. Corporate Sponsors. No updates.

5. Old Business:

- a. The Habitat Hero Tour is coming up, on Tuesday, June 4th, from 5:30-7:30pm. Brad made up some nice flyers. Karen will hang flyers at Bay Hills shopping center.
- b. Girl Scout Rebecca Sawyer gave Stacey an update on the two Little Libraries. She got the wood and will cut it on Saturday. Build is slated for Saturday, May 25th and she is looking to install them mid-June to early July. Brad needs an idea of the space available for the plaques, such as 3 x 10. Rebecca is also going to have a QR code on each library.
- c. The Saturday, May 4th planting day was well-attended and had a lot of turnout. The kids followed directions and planted over 1K plugs, as well as the May Apples from Katherine Woods. Twenty-five shrubs were planted and the twenty-five quarts from the Bee Lab were planted. The volunteers used the fallen leaves to mulch around everything. John Runyon, who has helped in the past, watered the plants with his wife in the Serene Ravine and Little Magothy Beach several times and let Stacey know. Stacey reported that the Carex Woodii, Goldenrod, and Woodland Phlox all look good.
- d. Among the three applicants for the CCC scholarship, a winner was picked: Ella Sherman. Ella has outstanding grades and good recommendations, and she has volunteered for everything, such as the People's Garden at her school, Goshen Farm, and her church. She is a very impressive girl. As of this early May, she didn't know what college she's going to. Phil and/or Stacey will go to the Seniors ceremony at Broadneck High School. Stacey suggested that we give her the black CCC bag and a Sand County Almanac.

6. New Business:

- a. Although Jennifer Connor resigned from Cape BOG, she is still attending CCC meetings. Stacey nominated her as a new CCC board member. All were in favor. We all enthusiastically welcomed Jennifer as our newest CCC board member.
- b. Upcoming events:
 - i. For the Strawberry Festival, we have enough sign ups to cover the morning. In the afternoon, we need more people, as it's best to have at least two people per time slot. The Festival ends at 6pm. Jeanne volunteered to pick up the 150 plugs growing for us. Stacey wants visitors to the CCC booth to pot them up themselves. Marcia and Jeanne made up the pots so the activity will be to pot them up. Karen will bring her two tables and five chairs at

set-up time. Phil said he has a canopy, so Stacey will check the size. Bill will provide his canopy. Stacey will bring the book and the flyers on the learning Little Libraries. Stacey has a student at Broadneck who is working on a flyer about the lifecycle of monarch butterflies. Alison Davis found the student to do it. Hopefully we'll have a flyer or posterboard about monarchs and milkweed.

- ii. The Cape Vibes music event that will benefit CCC will be on Sunday, June 23rd, assuming it will go on, from 2-6pm. Cape Vibes is doing smaller jam sessions on Sundays.
- c. Phil sent out an email about another opportunity for grant money: BGE Green grants. The deadline is pretty close. Phil thought we could apply really quick if we have some wording already made up, and we may just get it. Stacey agreed and she will look at it.
- d. Brad posted on the CCC Facebook page about the Bee Safe Mosquito Control program. Francesca made up some information for WSA that is very thorough. Brad will email the very nice document. He copied it into a JPG file. Cathy Haggerty signed up for the program.
- e. Stacey gave a shout out to Karen thanking her for retrieving the free rocks that will be used along the paths at LMB.
- f. Stacey sent an email out about having biographies on each CCC board member. She wants something soon from all of us. She'll put them all together and randomly spotlight us. Some ideas for content are what our position is, how long we've been on the board, what interests us, etc. The write-up doesn't have to be long. It should be written in first person.
- g. The Harbor School was collecting a dollar from each student if they wanted to wear jeans to school. Phil thanked the teacher who sent the \$122 that they collected for CCC.
- h. Regarding a November speaker, Phil said the Chesapeake Bay Foundation assured him they will have a speaker, but they said recently they don't yet have someone available. Stacey put out a post to the Bird group, but she needs to go through her emails. Brad suggested photographers who are nature-inspired. Stacey will look into the other recommendations.
- i. Stacey was thinking that three hours isn't enough for the Native Plant Sale, which will be on Saturday, September 21st, so she suggested we go one more hour, and hold it from 9am-1pm rather than 9am-12pm. There were no objections. Stacey has already ordered \$10K worth of plants from Providence Center, some of which we haven't had before, and she's ordered \$6-7K from North Creek nurseries. She will also order from Babikow and Cavano's. Schotts Nurseries' minimum is way too large, but we can investigate ordering from American Native Plants. Last year, due to the rain, we had plants and shrubs on the ground but we all agreed that worked well. We agreed that we need to spread things out more this year, and that the corral idea was a real success. If we have any more thoughts, Stacey asked us to bring them up at the next CCC meeting.
- j. Stacey suggested that CCC give Olivia West a graduation gift, such as our CCC bag, a Sand County Almanac, and a \$25 gift certificate to Chipotle or a Visa, which Larry suggested. All were in favor.
- k. Brad said that we recently got T-shirts from a different company. He said he gave a T-shirt to MRA members Jim & Lise Crafton, who have helped us in the past, Olivia West, and our scholarship winner.

7. Other remarks:

- a. Ali reported that they got all their plants and that she and Stacey laid them out. After school, they thought to have the PreK help plant them. 2nd graders planted ferns in the rain in the front area. Teachers came out to help plant, and two families helped as well. Thursday is the last Green Team meeting, and the Unity Gardens lady will come out with the sign. The kids were very excited to

plant. They left room for coneflowers and will plant some shrubs later. It has been a very successful project.

- b. Jeanne wondered if we want a small red cedar. If she can dig it successfully with the taproot, Stacey said to plant it in the Serene Ravine.
- c. Marcia convinced her next-door neighbor to remove Vinca and Bittersweet. Marcia convinced the lady to not plant Vinca but instead to plant Packera Aurea and Woodland Phlox, and the neighbor bought some Itea 'Little Henry' shrubs. Her landscaper will plant them. Marcia, Sondra, and Stacey planted the other shrubs. Marcia had her shrubs, Itea 'Little Henry' and Winterberry, planted. She said her two neighbors now have one cohesive area. Her other neighbor loves native plants, and he created a committee, and they are looking at alternative natives to Poinsettias.
- d. Bill has been working at the Bee Lab every week. Marcia and Bill were out there a week ago. It's a welcoming group. If we get more people to go out every week, they will give more plants. The work at the Bee Lab is regularly Thursdays from 3-6pm and Saturdays from 10am-2pm.
- e. Marcia wanted to know if Providence Center wanted the plug trays back. Last week, a bunch of pots were planted at the Serene Ravine.
- f. Phil brought up insurance. Stacey printed out the notes. Phil urged us to get Volunteer accident insurance. It covers up to \$100K. Marcia asked if it was \$100K per incident. We all agreed to start with this type of insurance, since our work events often involve kids, tools, and other possibilities for accidents.
- g. Brad said that this Saturday is the scheduled opening of the oyster nursery at 10am. Alison Davis will bring her students.

Adjourned 8:32.