

## Cape Conservation Corps Board Meeting Minutes August 19, 2024

### In attendance:

#### Board members:

Alison Sayres, Betsy Jackson, Bill Rappoport, Brad Knopf, Jeanne Klinger, Karen Minor, Larry Jennings, Marcia Dudley, Phil Ourisson, Stacey Wildberger

#### Guests:

Cathy Gazzo, Jeff Haines, John Runyon

### Call to order: 7:05pm.

1. The July CCC meeting minutes were approved as amended pending corrections.
2. Treasurer's report:
  - a. Account balances: (Phil sent an email of the details)
    - i. General Fund: \$26,899
    - ii. Grants Fund: \$0

The entirety of the Grants Fund will be used towards the purchase of plants. Also of note, Phil sent out a mass email to ask for donations. He received \$365 at this point. Stacey also posted an appeal for donations on Facebook. We also got around \$400 from Broadneck Grill from the most recent fundraiser night. Stacey and Ginny Glocko brought in friends when they came in to eat. In 2024, Broadneck Grill has given us over \$1,000. There is an upcoming fundraiser night to benefit CCC in October.
  - b. CCC website: Phil needs to post new sponsors. He's reached out to Bill S. to help. Phil made a correction today to change the speaker event to Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> because we decided to push the date back. Doors open 6:30pm, and speaker starts 7pm. We'll have the silent auction that night too.
3. Stacey attended the most recent CSCIA BOG meeting. Her summary:
  - a. Frank and Beau met with the Department of Public Works about stormwater runoff.
  - b. A black chain link fence will replace the one at the back of the ballfields.
  - c. The first movie night finally happened last week down at the Main Beach. Next event will be Halloween Happenings, which CCC is not participating in.
  - d. The Broadneck Council of Communities (BCC) will be meeting on August 26th at the Clubhouse to discuss exit closures.
  - e. As far as grants, the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay is putting out a call for RFPs (Requests for Proposals) for the design work. We still don't know if we got the \$75K grant for this year, and we are still waiting to hear on the 2024 grants.
  - f. They are still taking about dredging at Little Magothy Beach (LMB) and trying to get that sand. Biohabitats is working on that with CSCIA.
  - g. For our planned work along the foot path behind the Cape shopping center, Phil has been gathering proposals from various contractors, several of which are from the WSA website. Some contractors were close, some far, and some not interested. Phil is interested in getting quotes from four contractors. He has received two quotes so far: Childs off College Parkway at \$50K, and Scapes, whose bid was \$11K. Scapes' proposal involves filling in with soil first and then putting a layer of gravel on top. Childs said that would have to be redone in 2-3 years. Walnut Hill seems interested and is working on a proposal now. W.H. Boyer in Ellicott City said they are very interested. Their proposal would be to include big rocks in the big holes and install gravel on top. They will visit the site on Wednesday to take more precise measurements for their big boulders. Phil met with all 4

companies at the site and described what the project work should entail. One of the contractors sent Phil plats of how the path is related to the critical area. That was useful to find out that the project is not in the critical area. The area of work is about 400 ft long and will be less than 10 ft wide, which leaves the project below the 5K sq ft that requires a grading permit. Phil said he wants to do this in 2026. Stacey filled in the Cape BOG about this. Phil is also keeping Frank in the loop. Phil sent an email to Frank in case he wants to meet with W.H. Boyer when they do the site visit. We all thanked Phil for his work.

- h. Jeff Haines joined the meeting on the Cape Pools board's behalf. He asked if contractors talked about access to the path to move materials. It might be useful to do access through the pool area for the movement of materials. He suggested that if we need it. The whole plan is to make the path safe and walkable for kids or adults and to control erosion. Jeff said he sees a lot of families using that path every day. Phil said we will coordinate with the Swim Club once we get farther along. There are invasives such as bamboo, English Ivy, and poison ivy to remove. CCC will do that part of the project. Phil reported that, just yesterday, he stumbled on an Anne Arundel County stormwater property tax credit. Up to 10% of the cost could be available to the project like this. He will follow up with them about this and inform Frank about it. Historically, the Swim Club took care of the path, and then CSCIA said they had it. He said it is so eroded, with sediment going onto the parking lot and into the Swim Club stone area. Larry said the County should be paying for that. Phil observed that the little lip at the top of the hill that the County installed to divert stormwater coming down the street is not high enough. The water is supposed to divert to a drain at Hilltop and Blue Ridge, but it doesn't. The BOG also said they are also willing to put some money in as well. Jeff said the Swim Club will put some sort of package together too to help. It's a work in progress.

#### 4. Committee Reports:

- a. Weed Warriors: Work every week is marching on. This week, evenings will be a Deep Creek. John and Judy will be there too, but they prefer the morning. Betsy and Jeanne will also volunteer their time to weed. The focus will be cutting out English Ivy and Oriental Bittersweet and cutting back Multiflora Rose.
- b. Big Trees: No updates.
- c. Garden Advisory: Larry picked up some appointments at the Goshen Farm Open House event. He's also meeting with other clients he has met in the past three months and will email them the plant list, so his clients can go to the sale to know exactly what they need. Larry will help them make a shopping list. Larry met with Beau on Saturday for two hours about his yard. (Beau won a garden advisory consultation but also, because he is at the \$500 sponsor level, he gets a two-hour advisory session.) Larry will probably spend twenty hours over there. Beau wants a pollinator garden. Stacey said if anyone in CCC is interested in helping with planting around October, it would be nice to help them out, since Beau does so much for the community. Otherwise, Larry said all is going fine.
- d. Corporate Sponsors: We have a new sponsor that Stacey had originally reached out to in March. He emailed Stacey and said he is donating \$250. Chris Moore owns Welspryng LLC, which provides landscape and stormwater design and consulting. They have collaborated on native landscaping projects with WSA. Bill S. will post his logo on the website. Stacey has toured some of his projects and said he's on Facebook. She will forward Bill his logo and will invite Chris to participate as an expert at the Native Plant Sale. It's time for renewals on corporate sponsors since we are at the one-year mark. Stacey will email Jeanne.

- e. Habitat Heroes: We have a new Habitat Hero and a new sign. Brad contacted a sign company. The sign is very durable, and they are restoring our original sign. Jamie Wilhelm is our winner. Stacey will drop off the sign. There was a fee to upload our image, so they have it now in case we need more.
- f. Rebecca Sawyer update: The shakes for the roof came in. The doors are almost done. Hopefully, the libraries will be completed in September.

5. Old Business:

- a. Stacey reminded the Board about bios. She has five bios now so far.
- b. The Renaissance Festival fundraiser would involve working the entire day, from 9am to 6pm. Cathy Haggerty loved doing it last year. She has signed up again this year.
- c. The Yacht Club Cape St. Claire Youth Sailing needs a place to park boats. The top parking lot is where they want to park off the parking lot. There are bamboo, bittersweet, ivy, and big trees there. The bamboo would be cut, and herbicide would be applied. Since the proposed site is in the 100 ft buffer, Stacey talked to Beau and Frank and requested more information that she will need to prepare a vegetative management plan (VMP). Stacey is still waiting to hear back from them. Betsy asked if the Yacht Club would be interested in helping with the removal of invasives. The parents of youth sailing should be helping with the labor to do that. We need to recruit younger people to help with this. Phil said the recruiting of parents and kids of youth sailing may be problematic. Stacey can reach out to Broadneck High School teachers and Save Our Trees, etc. to get people to help. Stacey is thinking of Richard's Tree Care for chipping the removed trees and bamboo. The chips would be spread for the trailers to park on.

6. New Business:

- a. Shrubs and Tree orders for October 4th not in time for the Sale. Allison will be ordering some stuff, so Stacey sent us that list. If there is something you have been wanting, let Stacey know. Some shrubs will be at the plant sale.
- b. Fall Planting dates. We got the check for \$3K. We have spent it partially on plants that we planted in the Spring and Stacey put in a huge order of \$2,500 through WSA Tree Troopers for shrubs and trees that will be planted at LMB. Stacey handed out the plan Marita prepared. Stacey will try to get volunteers from Wells Fargo to help plant those trees. Five to six people already expressed interest. Dates: Fri Oct 18th and 19th? Planting would be in four sessions: Morning and afternoon sessions on both Friday and Saturday. The plants, shrubs, and trees will be delivered that Wednesday or even the previous week so we can move the plants into the spots when they will be planted. Stacey will ask Mr. Cliff, the neighbor nearby, if we can use his water.
- c. Brad and Phil grabbed some free rock for the border along the LMB path. Stacey extended the rocks along the pathway on the right side, near the bench.
- d. Native Plant Sale: We will have one more meeting before the sale. Stacey handed out two pages with her thoughts.
  - i. Bill will make and provide the stakes. Everyone Bring staple guns. Jeanne and Marcia bring twine. Stacey will bring clips. Stacey wants our orders by early September.
  - ii. Betsy suggested a youth group to help volunteer to help carry purchases to cars.
  - iii. Alison will be the line monitor.
  - iv. All deliveries will be on Friday. Everyone should convene at 7am at the fields to unload and sort. Providence Center will deliver.
  - v. Saturday set up will start at 7am.

vi. Karen will bring eight chairs and some snacks.

7. Other remarks:

- a. We decided to skip having a CCC En Plein Air event.
- b. Stacey asked about possibly selling Spring ephemeral boxes that would be pre-order and be picked up or delivered. We all liked that idea. Stacey is meeting with Francesca from WSA on it. The boxes would include Wild Ginger, Trillium, Virginia Bluebells, etc. Jeanne suggested Spring Beauty. Stacey asked us to send her any other thoughts.
- c. Stacey noted the date change for the silent auction.
- d. We want to mulch the paths again in November.

Adjourned 8:35.