

Minutes of Cape Conservation Corps Meeting on 3/17/2025

In attendance:

Board members:

Betsy Jackson, Bill Rappoport, Brad Knopf, Jeanne Klinger, Jennifer Connor, Karen Minor, Marcia Dudley, Phil Ourisson, Stacey Wildberger

Guests:

Christie Fowler, John Runyon

Call to order: 7:03 p.m.

1. The February CCC meeting minutes were approved as amended.
2. Treasurer's report:
 - a. Account balances: (Phil sent an email of the details)
 - i. General Fund: \$36,942
 - ii. Grants Fund: \$0
 1. This is the money available. Phil already subtracted the amount that is due on the credit card.
3. Kellen Moore presentation
 - a. Doing his Eagle Scout project this year.
 - b. Planning to update and restore the sign and table at the oyster nursery.
 - i. Table would be permanent and made of weather treated wood with rubber feet. 4x6 feet. It would also have storage area underneath.
 - ii. Kellen has a friend at 84 Lumber who provided information on wood donations.
 - iii. Will also do a fundraiser at Broadneck Grill on a Wednesday in June. This should cover all the expenses for the project.
 - iv. Brad indicated that the table would be moveable and would be off to the side during the offseason.
 - v. Plans to rebuild the sign and get the right size plastic this time.
 - vi. Kellen is planning to complete the project before the end of this summer.
4. Committee Reports:
 - a. Weed Warriors: Starting to call it Conservation Crew more and more. On Friday, March 14, 2025, a small crew helped to rake and clean up Little Magothy Beach. Tree company that significantly damaged LMB indicates that they will have the work done by April 1, 2025. Open house is Wednesday, April 9, 2025, and then work will start the following Wednesdays. Need to do a lot of work at Deep Creek.
 - b. Big Trees: Stacey has the article running in the upcoming Caper. There will be a whole page for the application for free trees.
 - c. Scholarship: No applications yet but the information is out there.
 - d. Garden Advisory: Plants are coming from Alison by the 15th and she wants orders by the 10th. Larry will do an order this year for his projects. Delivery charges and plant minimums have gone up.

- e. Grants: Need a new person to take over for Phil. Stacey is willing to take the lead but welcomes help. Bill noted that there is a grant seeking workshop at the library in Annapolis and there is one coming up on March 26, 2025, which will include training on a software program called Candid. Bill is going to this next training. Unity Gardens extended the deadline for grant applications but that is a much smaller amount of money than what we need for the path behind the pool. Additionally, it only applies to native plants which is not the type of project we are looking to fund. We have agreed to contribute \$5,000. The swim club is very tight on funds. The CSCIA budget for this year was already approved and did not contain a line item for this project. We now have a letter from CSCIA that makes clear that we have the authority to spearhead this project.
- f. Corporate Sponsors: No updates
- g. Habitat Heroes: We need one. If anyone has a suggestion, please contact Stacey.
- h. Learning libraries: They seem stocked for now. Need pencil boxes. Rebecca's Gold Award Ceremony is April 6, 2025, and Stacey will attend.

5. Old Business:

- a. Deep Creek bamboo removal VMP – still waiting on an estimate from Christy at Richards so no new updates.
- b. STEM night at Cape Elementary. Marcia and Allison went. About 100 families attended. Very enthusiastic students pollinated paper flowers and labeled the life cycle of a butterfly.
- c. The Spring ephemeral "First Flowers" boxes are not popping up yet. Two of the flowers are up, but she is using grow lights to get them going. Phil, John, and David are going to meet at Providence and pick up the plants. Others will be at LMB to unload and sort by boxes. They will be 6 inch pots in a tray of 6. Then there will be a list of what people ordered for pick up. There are some unsold boxes if anyone is interested. We can either sell or plant the extras.
- d. We discussed upcoming CCC spring projects for 2025:
 - i. Stacey ordered spring ephemerals from Barry Glick of Sunshine Farms in West Virginia. They are coming this Wednesday and being delivered to Jeanne's. They are bare root and will be in a moist medium. They will last for a while in a refrigerator, but Stacey is hoping to get some planted starting this Sunday at 9:00 am at Little Magothy Beach.
 - ii. April 5 is Project Clean Stream at 9:00 am. Meet at parking lot across from Graul's.
 - iii. April 9 spring kickoff at 6 pm at LMB. Will set up table at the top of the driveway and an activity table near the learning library.
 - iv. April 12 Goshen Open house table 10-2
 - v. April 12 ELIT Capstone grass planting at Lake Claire 9-1
 - vi. April 18 pickup plants at Providence Center to plant at Little Magothy
 - vii. April 19 plant the plants at Little Magothy
- e. ELIT Student capstone projects – there are other projects that do not directly involve us. One student is planting trees at Broadneck. Some girls want to take photos of the oyster balls.
- f. 2024-2025 BHS Scholarship – waiting for applicants. Deadline is April 1 for applicants, and we select by May 1. Need someone else on the selection committee so that Phil can step down. Christie volunteered to be on the committee.
- g. Phil brought up that there is a tree at Serene Ravine that is significantly leaning that he thought was to be cut down. Stacey indicated that there are some at Little Magothy that have been waiting for years.

6. New Business:

- a. Bylaws – we need to change the bylaws because we changed the mission statement. Phil realized that there are many things in the bylaws that we need to either do or remove from the bylaws.
- b. Plant sale orders – Stacey circulated a preliminary plant sale order spreadsheet. We can continue to make some changes.
- c. Habitat Hero Tour May 6th 5-7 pm: Broadneck High School, Christ Our Anchor Church, then end at Jamie's house.
- d. Strawberry Festival: Providence Center is growing 150 milkweed plants again. Need newspaper pot makers & events calendar.
 - i. Cape Vibes June 22
 - ii. Plant sale September 20
 - iii. Fall planting in October TBD
 - iv. Speaker event in November

7. Other

- a. Larry is working on a large project for Brandon.
- b. Brad indicated that Friday March 28, 2025, is the “State of the Magothy” at the college. Jeanne Klinger and possibly Betsy Jackson have volunteered to staff a CCC table from 6:30-8. The main presentation will give an update about the quality of the river water.
- c. Coastal Conservation gave us a replica reef ball since we donated over \$500 almost two years ago.

Adjourned 8:44 p.m.