

Minutes of Cape Conservation Corps Meeting on 5/19/2025

In attendance:

Board members:

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

Guests:

Rose Stocker

Call to order: 7:04 p.m.

1. The April CCC meeting minutes were approved as amended.
2. Treasurer's report:
 - a. Account balances: (Phil sent an email of the details)
 - i. General Fund: \$35,291
 - ii. Grants Fund: \$0
 1. There is very scant grant money out to apply for. Many non-profit organizations are suffering. Bee Lab is closed.
3. Committee Reports:
 - a. BOG Meeting: Stacey attended the BOG meeting.
 - i. Stacey confirmed we are scheduled for a booth at the Strawberry Festival. Bill will bring the tent. Karen has table and chairs. Arrive for set up at 8 a.m. Festival does not open until 11 after the parade is finished.
 - ii. Caper went out late but our mosquito article was included. This month the article is George's article about invasive plants and their native alternatives. Stacey will have a mosquito tip every month through October. List of events is at the end of the article.
 - iii. Kayak racks at Lake Claire have been revamped and extended. Contract renewals have gone out and the wait list being addressed. There is still work to be done on the racks at Little Magothy and the Oyster Pier.
 - iv. Beach attendants begin this weekend. Stop for attendants and be polite. Have updated stickers.
 - b. Conservation Crew: Have been hard at work. A couple of very helpful teenagers that are enthusiastic about nature. Cleared a big area in the top right near the house with new people. Put in some shrubs, dogwoods, and redbuds. There is an area where we will lay cardboard and chips to try to smother the bush killer. Christy Folderauer is going to drop a half load of wood chips. Tentative plan to spread the chips and cardboard on 5/31. Two new people at Deep Creek. They got poison ivy. They said they would help in the future including at Cape Vibes.
 - c. Big Trees: All of the spots are filled. 29 homes and 51 trees. There are four people on the waitlist that would be an additional seven trees. Stacey suggested we just let the four people off the waitlist. Three to four indicated that they might need assistance picking out a good tree for a particular site. The tree order will go in sooner rather than later. Board members can add on to the tree order.
 - d. Garden Advisory: Beau's yard is finished finally.
 - e. Grants: No updates
 - f. Corporate Sponsors: Three are up for renewal: Welspryng, Donnelley's, Genesis Tree.

- g. Habitat Heroes: Tour went well with a decent turnout. Highschool had more to see than we expected. Christ our Anchor Church was the second stop. They have a “green club.” They have written a Unity Garden grant for some shrubs they hope to plant in the fall. They have a nature discovery trail. Final stop was Jamie’s home. She had the whole side yard dug out and then she has planted the area. One of her daughters has made a fairy garden. We need nominations for new habitat heroes.
- h. Learning libraries: Tonya got some books donated and she purchased a couple of journals. No more vandalism or theft.

4. Old Business:

- a. We discussed upcoming CCC spring projects for 2025:
 - i. Strawberry Festival: We have enough newspaper. Marcia, Ally, and Jeannie will make the pots.
 - 1. Betsy will pickup the plants for the pots.
 - 2. Will have pollinator events available
 - 3. Soil is leftover that we just have to move to Main Beach
 - 4. Ally to order more cards.
 - 5. Will attach a calendar of events to the pots advertising:
 - a. Conservation Crew every Wednesday 5-7
 - b. Cape Vibes June 22
 - c. Broadneck Grill Fundraiser August 20 5-9
 - d. Plant sale September 20
 - e. Fall planting in October TBD
 - f. Fall Planting Day October 11
 - g. Speaker Event November 7
- b. June 21 - Goshen Farm Open House – need volunteers. Can have the butterfly lifecycle display and coloring sheets. We could have the mosquito bucket demonstration and give out mosquito dunks and bunches of hay with instructions on how to make the mosquito bucket.
- c. June 22 - Cape Vibes. We need raffle items. We will bring the mosquito bucket demonstration there as well. The time is 4-8. Raffle items will include a fall plant sale gift certificate, a free consult with Larry, Jeannie has a book to donate. We will have to coordinate tables and see if there is a tent.
- d. Student capstone projects – these projects are done. Some of them are not planted well. And it looks like a car hit one of them. The sand could be pushing them up some, because they looked fine last week. The kids doing the project had a good turnout despite it being a cold and windy day.
- e. 2024-2025 BHS Scholarship – ceremony is May 28 and Stacey will attend with the gift bags and awards.
- f. T-shirts – Stacey is asking folks to indicate if they want an updated shirt to provide color and size.
- g. Phil raised the issue that grant money for the Swim Club path project is going to be very hard to come by. He mentioned that we could technically afford to pay for the project ourselves by changing the contractor from Child’s (\$46 K) to Scapes (\$11.5K). We could ask CSCIA and the Swim Club to put in something. CSCIA doesn’t have anything in the budget for it now. If we paid for the lower end bid, it would fix it for a few years. This could allow for future grant money to become available or for CSCIA to add the longer term fix in a future budget. We had discussion and voted to approach the CSCIA with this updated plan. The plan will include asking CSCIA for

money, but also plea for assistance with volunteers to assist with the vegetation plan after the path is completed.

5. New Business:

- a. A huge tree was taken down at Little Magothy by Richards. It was a three-trunked Tulip Poplar. Cape contracted to have it removed. We have some straight species sumac that could go there and then add some trees with the fall order. She will take out some Mulberries that are closer to the street. The tree at Serene Ravine that came down is still untouched.
- b. We made an oyster nursery donation on December 15. This is annual.
- c. The oyster nursery is in need of repair. The plan is to jack it up and fortify it, but long term it needs to be rebuilt. It's been there for 30 years so it is reasonable that it needs some work. There is a neighbor that is going to help in June. This will be an expensive project long run that will take fundraising.
- d. Bylaws – we will discuss at the July meeting. Be prepared to substantively discuss.
- e. Plant sale – orders are usually in by now. Providence Center is streamlining what they will have and so Rachel got back with what they will have. Babikow had some that Providence Center didn't have. Stacey will continue to piece the order together. Providence Center is going to have quarts so things will be more uniform which will help with pricing. There is a North Creek order in and a shrub order with Edward. The list has been pared down so that we do not have as many leftovers.

6. Other

- a. Jeannie mentioned that Chesapeake Natives was supposed to have an open house but they had a lot of damage from recent thunderstorms.

Adjourned 8:36 p.m.