

## Minutes of Cape Conservation Corps Meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### In attendance:

#### Board members:

Jeanne Klinger, Karen Minor, Marcia Dudley, Phil Ourisson, Stacey Wildberger, Tonya Powell

#### Guests:

Christie Fowler, John Runyon, Rob Corletta, Rose Mary Stocker

#### Corporate Sponsor:

Cathy Gazzo

### Call to order: 7:05 p.m.

1. The May CCC board meeting minutes were approved as amended.
2. Treasurer's report:
  - a. Account balances: (Phil sent an email of the details)
    - i. General Fund: \$33,937, not counting a few checks received today.
    - ii. Grants Fund: \$0
  - b. Phil contacted Childs Landscaping and informed them that the pool path is not going to happen. He thanked them for their efforts up to this point.
3. Stacey attended the most recent CSCIA Board of Governors (BOG) meeting. Her summary:
  - a. The Cape St. Claire Swim Club in charge of maintaining the path decided to close the path. Although CCC had pledged to contribute \$11K towards the renovation, the Cape BOG does not have the money to put towards the project. Frank contacted the County to see if they will do anything to address the erosion. The project is tabled for now and the path will be closed.
  - b. The permit for the Cape July 4<sup>th</sup> parade is pending.
  - c. The Cape Cleanup event occurred on Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - d. A leak found under the Deep Creek pier parking lot is under investigation. The lower portion of the parking lot will be closed on Wednesday.
  - e. The sand from dredging the Little Magothy will go to Downs Park for a dog beach. Although Cape was hoping to get the sand, the County pays for the dredging, so they get to decide where the sand goes. There is a slight chance the Cape could end up getting the sand, so the BOG is still going forward with obtaining permits for using dredged sand. Also, permits are good for a couple of years.
  - f. The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay and Coastal Resources are still working on design contracts for other sites in Cape St. Claire. The Alliance manages the money and grants.
4. Committee Reports:
  - a. Weed Warriors/Conservation Crew worked last week at Little Magothy Beach (LMB). A few kids volunteered to help pull invasives. The week before, at the Serene Ravine (SR), Weed Warriors had lots of help to lay down cardboard and spread wood chips in the parking area and redo part of the path. We will see if the neighbor will grant CCC permission to pull weeds on their part of the slope that leads down to the stream. Another focused area will be the hill by the pump house. Christie said she has several cardboard appliance boxes that can be used on further

test areas. Next week, Weed Warriors will pull English Ivy from in and around the trees in the Clubhouse field.

- b. Big Trees: Stacey received one additional application for free trees. Rob has been working with people on which trees they want. Stacey will compile a list of trees for the Watershed Stewards Academy (WSA). Stacey said that if anyone wants to order from WSA's Resilient Tree List, the cost is \$25 per tree. The trees would arrive in October, and distribution of the trees to recipients would be on Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>.
- c. Garden Advisory: No updates.
- d. Grants: No updates.
- e. Corporate Sponsors: Stacey reached out to Welspryng LLC, Phil reached out to Genesis Tree Care, and Marcia reached out to Donnelly's restaurant. Each will follow up.
- f. Habitat Heroes: Betsy gave Stacey a nomination for a Habitat Hero. Stacey will check out the property.
- g. Learning Libraries: Tonya reported that she observed ants in the Serene Ravine library, so she placed peppermint-soaked cotton balls inside. Tonya also reported that the art supplies have thankfully not disappeared. Two books were donated recently. Tonya also purchased several books from the dollar store and Barnes & Noble.

#### 5. Old Business:

- a. Two events are this coming weekend:
  - i. The Goshen Farm Open House is on Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> from 10am-2pm. CCC's table will feature the "Mosquito Bucket Challenge". Betsy secured a donation of twenty-five five-gallon buckets from Ace Hardware. Stacey bought 100 lunch-size paper bags, and Betsy stapled to each bag a paper with directions on what to do. We have 100 bags with dunks. The first ten to twelve people are getting a bucket with everything (bag, straw, & dunks). After that, people will receive a bag with dunks. Brad will create a sign to have at the event. Stacey wrote an article in the July/August Caper describing the Challenge as a method for controlling the mosquito population.
  - ii. Cape Vibes is on Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4-8pm at the Main Beach. We will repeat the Mosquito Bucket Challenge, have sign-up sheets for email addresses, and have Stacey's Venmo scannable for donations. CCC will also do drawings for a book and a \$100 gift card for the Native Plant Sale, and raffle \$100 worth of Garden Advisory time with Larry. Stacey will give the materials to Jeanne and Marcia for Sunday.
- b. At Broadneck High School, Stacey presented the CCC scholarships to two students. The girls seemed grateful. Stacey will coordinate with them on sending out the checks.
- c. CCC's table at the Strawberry Festival was a big hit. We gave away 150 milkweed plants. We will increase the number of plants to 200 next year, and possibly change to another plant, such as Zizia Aurea (Golden Alexander). The monarch butterfly lifecycle display was very popular. The kids were excited and loved the pollination interactive display, which featured pipe cleaners and cornmeal to signify pollen. We collected about \$75 in donations and had over three sign-up sheets filled.
- d. CCC T-shirts are ready. Brad will pick them up. John volunteered to investigate different vendors for future orders.
- e. Phil just ordered more CCC stickers. They will arrive next week.
- f. Ali ordered new business cards.

6. New Business:

- a. The CCC By-Laws will be discussed in the July CCC meeting. Prior to the meeting, Phil will email the document for review.
- b. In Stacey's July/August Caper article about the Mosquito Bucket Challenge, people are invited to submit a photo of their bucket. A winner will be randomly chosen at the end of the summer to receive a \$25 gift certificate for CCC's Native Plant Sale.
- c. The Renaissance Festival fundraiser is on the weekend of September 13<sup>th</sup>. It is a lot of work and a big commitment to be present the entire weekend. Two years ago, Cathy Haggerty did it and earned \$200 for CCC. Cathy volunteered to do this again this year.
- d. Brad made foam signs to explain the brush piles at SR & LMB. Eventually, they will be replaced by more permanent signs.
- e. Native Plant Sale: Providence Center gave Stacey the list of plants they can grow, along with the cost: \$9K. This year, Stacey intends to stay under \$20K in orders from Providence Center, Babikow, North Creek, and the shrubs from Edward. Stacey will reach out to the people who will have tables at the sale. Last year, Providence Center did not charge us for renting the U-Haul. We agree that CCC will pay for that this year. It would cost about \$80 for delivery on Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Set-up would be from 7am-9am on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.
- f. Stacey did not hear back from the Broadneck students on their capstone project.

Adjourned: 7:58 p.m.