

Minutes of Cape Conservation Corps Meeting on July 21st, 2025

In attendance:

Board members:

Alison Sayres, Brad Knopf, Jeanne Klinger, Karen Minor, Larry Jennings, Phil Ourisson

Guests:

John & Judy Runyon

Corporate Sponsor:

Cathy Gazzo

Call to order: 7:02 p.m.

1. The June CCC meeting minutes were approved as amended.

1. Treasurer's report:

- a. Account balances: (Phil sent an email of the details)

- i. General Fund: \$34,745. Ali ordered another set of CCC business cards.
- ii. Grants Fund: \$0.

2. Brad attended the most recent CSCIA Board of Governors (BOG) meeting. His summary:

- a. The front door of the clubhouse has a new locking mechanism that is much more secure. The key remains the same.
- b. The capital reserves are fully funded for 2024 & 2025.
- c. Still working on quotes to repair the CSC monument sign.
- d. The kayak racks have been repaired and added to. Cape youth sailing is still assigning slots to previous owners/waitlist.
- e. A memorial table has been requested by the family of a deceased Caper. It will be installed at Lake Claire once final approval is given.
- f. The County still plans on taking over the island at Green Holly Dr and installing pavers. ~~It is too problematic/dangerous for people to dig out the existing plants.~~ **It had not been maintained by Garden Club, and**
- g. Lake Claire finger piers will be installed shortly. Deep Creek pier repairs will be done in the Fall.
- h. The sand from dredging the Little Magothy is still slated to go to Downs Park, but if something goes wrong with their permitting, Cape will still be on the list as a possible site.
- i. The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay and Coastal Resources are finalizing their contract, and we hope to have designs for the five sites by the Fall.
- j. FIOS is now at Deep Creek and hope to have it at other locations soon.
- k. Frank and the County are still discussing options for the Blue Ridge **Place**/pool pathway situation. They will start by adding to the lip that they already repaired. Part two would be a possible regrading as it was messed up the first time it was done, and the third and more costly option would be drainage at Blue Ridge **Drive** /Hilltop to send storm water down the hill. The project is tabled for now and the path will be closed.
- l. Brad recommends attending the quarterly BOG meeting on Tuesday at 7:30 pm at the Clubhouse. These items will probably be addressed in greater detail.

3. Committee Reports:

- a. Weed Warriors/Conservation Crew will be at Serene Ravine this Wednesday at 8am. There will be no evening session.
- b. Big Trees: Brad occasionally receives emails. He recently got an email from a resident requesting their tree to be measured. He will let Rob know.
- c. Garden Advisory: Larry has one on Wednesday at Forrest Terrace and Bay Ridge. The owner wants to rid the property of invasives and replace them with native plants.
- d. Grants: No updates.
- e. Corporate Sponsors: No updates/no success.
- f. Habitat Heroes: No updates.
- g. Learning Libraries: No news.

4. Old Business:

- a. The Goshen Farm Open House and Cape Vibes events were successful. People were very receptive to the at CCC's table. All buckets were distributed.
- b. For the Mosquito Bucket Challenge, Rosemary has been distributing additional kits to those that request it. Stacey reported that so far, she has received seven submissions for the bucket challenge photo contest.
- c. CCC T-shirts: Brad reported that communication with our usual T-shirt vendor has been slow and difficult. John recommended a new T-shirt dealer he found at the farmer's market. John observed that his work looks good. The owner is interested and was very communicative. The dry fit shirts would be about \$30 each and the design would be transferred/decals. John has the owner's card and will email the information to Stacey and Brad.
- d. Hopefully next week, Stacey will submit the list of trees, with quantities, to the Watershed Steward Academy for CCC's Free Trees event. Stacey will ask WSA for mulch and deer guards for the homeowners who will be getting trees.

5. New Business:

- a. The CCC By-Laws will be discussed in the August CCC meeting. Reminder to review the documents prior to the meeting. Phil has already emailed the documents. We all appreciate that Phil has reviewed the By-Laws and had a lot of suggestions, which are a good starting point for a draft and for discussions at the next meeting.
- b. The Native Plant Sale will be on Saturday, September 20th, which will be the same day as the Broadneck High School homecoming parade. Brad brought copies of the flyer. Stacey provided the following information:
 - i. Plant Orders:
 - North Creek \$2,333
 - Babikow \$3,637
 - Cavano's \$1,413
 - Providence Center \$4,373
 - Shrubs Goodman \$2,835
 - Total: \$14.9K
 - ii. Partners:
 1. Confirmed:

- o Bay-Wise/Master Gardeners
- o Chris Pax
- o MRA Lisa Crafton
- o Unity Gardens Karen Royer
- o Wild Ones
- 2. Not yet confirmed:
 - o Pollinator Pathways Lauren Toomey
 - o Nancy Lawson
- iii. Native plant experts
 - Karen Royer
 - Julie Shay
 - Susan Minnemeyer
 - Lara Mulvaney
- 6. Other comments:
 - a. Jeanne got some pencils on the Buy Nothing Facebook group.

Adjourned: 7:36 p.m.