

**Friends of the State Line Serpentine Barrens
Board Meeting – March 1, 2013**

Attending: Mike Bertram, Anna Hull, David Ross, Henry Whitesel, Bob Gray, Mike Waltz

Action Items

Mike Waltz will work with Henry to draft a description of basic needs/expectations for novice work-day volunteers that can be regularly updated to list each quarter's workday schedule.

Kent will provide draft job descriptions for chair, vice chair, secretary and media outreach coordinator. **David** will make sure these circulate. **All** to review for March 29 Board meeting.

Henry will schedule a meeting with Joe Frassetta to review projects for Goat Hill – Board members welcome to attend as schedule permits .

Mike Bertram will contact Mick Economos to reserve March 29 on his calendar for a tour of New Texas savannah sites; and hopes to schedule a tour with Mick of the GH savannahs to coincide with the April board meeting.

David will contact Molly to request she provide big weedpuller in time for April 5 workday.

Mike Betram will contact Ruth Galantino for details of the work she did on a possible route for trail connecting GH and NCP.

Kent to contact Molly to clarify what steps he needs to follow for certification to apply poison on selected invasives.

Henry to check with Jay Gregg about expectations/needs for our March 16 workday.

David will (eventually) report on conservation opportunities for the Hannums (New Texas) by contacting folks at Lancaster Conservancy and Pennsylvania Natural Heritage Program.

Henry to contact Jessica to pin down June date for Deloitte volunteer day.

Bob Gray will work with Henry and Anna to complete concept form by March 8 deadline

Bob Gray will identify a to-do list for the full application due in April.

Review of Minutes and Action Items from Meeting of 11 January 2013

Anna has in mind connecting with the new Oxford Public Library Director, Carey Bresler probably in May or June (based on timing of her next grant application).

Are we still on OPL radar screen for archiving and promotion as part of library expansion.

Herrs staff can receive pay for days spent volunteering for approved service opportunities. Herrs needs a description of volunteer expectations and potential service dates.

Mike Waltz will work with Henry to draft a description of basic needs/expectations for novice work-day volunteers that can be regularly updated to list each quarter's workday schedule.

Once approved, Anna will provide this to Ed Herr.

Anna still intends to promote FLSB with OMI secretary

The volunteer description will be useful.

We have concluded that we don't currently have an FLSB brochure

David to circulate job descriptions Kent provided for chair, vice chair, secretary and media outreach coordinator. We will review during March 29 Board meeting.

Henry summarized Feb. 9 land-owner meeting at Nottingham County Park focusing on resulting priorities and action items

Goat Hil

Need to coordinate with Boy Scouts who plan to construction trail up Octoraro to old cart track on National Trails Day

Make connecting with this trail highest priority in expanding trail network

Monitoring and maintaining existing cleared areas is our highest priority

Next priority is maintaining existing trails

Next priority is clearing new area discovered near areat (t)

Henry will schedule meeting with Joe Frassetta – Board members welcome to attend as schedule permits with this agenda:

Review potential expansion of trail network

Identify a date when ATV could be available for work at more distant sites.

April 5 GH workday will focus on scrapped area and other savannah maintenance

Mike Bertram will plan to take Mick Economos on a tour, inaugurating him as our savannah monitor (perhaps on weekend of our April Board meeting)
David will contact Molly to request she provide big weedpuller in time for April 5 workday.

May 10 workday priority: tackling trees down over section of Rose Trail

Mike Bertram will contact Ruth Galantino for details of the work she did possible route for trail connecting GH and NCP.

Kent to contact Molly to clarify what steps he needs to follow for certification to apply poison on selected invasives.

Nottingham

Anna reported on the impressive progress that has been made with mechanical greenbriar control in areas to the northeast of existing serpentine savannahs

Henry to check with Jay about expectations needs for our March 16 workday.

Pilot –

We may be asked for a visit to maintain existing firebreaks

New Texas

Henry has spoken with Thera and Tess Hannum – supportive, don't want to develop it; kids don't want to develop it. Sense that they don't know much about conservation easements and the like. We agreed that a longer term project would be to identify the best way to educate them on palatable land preservation strategies that might be available to them.

David will contact folks at Lancaster Conservancy.

Mike Bertram suggested he also contact Rocky Gleason at Pennsylvania Natural Heritage Program. [717 705-2818. Gleason is the Inventory East Coordinator, representing Western Pennsylvania Conservancy]

Mike Bertram will contact Mick Economos for a tour of the New Texas savannahs during March 29 workday.

Chrome

Northern chrome grassland maintenance/recovery is the top priority (March 23 workday)

Need to prepare work agenda for DeLoitte visit in June. We are uncertain if TNC has any restrictions on where Deloitte team may work.

AmeriCorps

We agreed to proceed with application for four week session in late summer. Bob Gray will work with Henry and Anna to complete concept form by March 8 deadline

Bob Gray will identify a to-do list for the full application due in April.

We identified the following priorities:

Attention to all identified savannah sites at New Texas.

Bridge over stream at Lower Chrome

Completion of trails at Upper Chrome

[During Feb. 9 meeting we talked about having them create a trail guide for Chrome like the Rose Trail map at GH]

Mike and Kent have agreed to contribute time getting them started on savannah areas.

Need to devote part of a workday to marking trails at Chrome.

Deferred Agenda items

Mike Bertram to provide update on Web site.

Mike Bertram to report on March 1 plant monitoring meeting

Board governance and function will be the focus on the March 29 Board meeting.