

**Friends of the State Line Serpentine Barrens
Board Conference Call – February 19, 2017**

Calling in: Chris Hoess, David Ross, Molly Anderson & Henry Whitesel at 2pm

A) Key Dates

1. Our next board meeting

Sunday, April 9 2-4pm at Nottingham County Park

Conference Dial-in number: (716) 748-0224 (potential toll call)

Host Access Code: 445962*

Participant Access Code: 445962#

2. Hikes, Talks, Work Days and Other Commitments

Saturday, 2/25 -- Stewardship day at New Texas -- Henry leads

Saturday, 3/4 -- Stewardship day at Upper Chrome -- Kent leads

Friday, 3/10 -- Mowing at Goat Hill -- Henry leads

Friday, 3/17 -- Mowing at New Texas -- Tracy leads

Friday, 4/7 -- Stewardship day at NCP -- Kent leads

Friday, 4/28 -- Stewardship day at NCP -- David leads

Friday, 5/4 -- Oxford First Friday -- Tracy leads

Friday, 5/19 -- Stewardship day at Goat Hill -- David leads

Friday, 6/9 -- Deloitte Impact day at Goat Hill -- Molly leads

Saturday, 6/24 -- Stewardship day at New Texas -- Bob leads

B) Action Items Going Forward

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Complete PPF Conflict of Interest forms for annual report.

Tabled Agenda Items

Arrange transfer of BoF Gator to TNC shed

Molly Anderson

Will let the Board know when Pat McIlhenny plans to visit Lower Chrome.

Will forward contact information to Chris.

Catherine Brewer -- Longwood intern

Catherine Brainerd -- Mt. Cuba

Will contact Tracy about potential volunteer recognition picnic in June.

Mike Bertram:

Point person for our history initiatives and web master

Bob Gray:

Point person for strategic planning initiatives.

Chris Hoess:

Will confirm NCP office availability for April 9 board meeting.

Will follow up with Peter Zale about Longwood Gardens interest in Serpentine species.

Will follow up with Andy about Rose Trail bridge repair.

Will complete Youth Safety Qualifications process for outreach events

Will complete PPF Annual Report.

Will convene the data management committee (Tracy and Bill) with goal of reporting at April Board meeting. Preliminary Agenda includes:

- Web page and server proposal

- Organizing Dropbox folders

- Capturing Henry files

Point person for science and education initiatives.

Tracy Raymond

Will lead March 17 mowing at New Texas with Charles Fleischman. David will confirm with Charles.

Complete TNC Youth Safety Background Check consent forms and send to Molly (by January 23)

Report on meeting of Outreach and Fundraising Committee (including Jennifer Pavao, Marian Quinn and Chris)

Tasks for the Committee

- Pin down February/March Oxford library talk

- March deadline for including summer events in Chester County Parks newsletter

- April ephemerals hike at NCP

- May First Fridays

- Moth event for July

- One first Friday in Fall

- One fall hike

Organize a plant sale with two pickup opportunities -- May 5 First Friday or May 7 Tristate open house.

Will research walkie/talkie options to present at next Board meeting.

David Ross:

Will contact Kent Wagner about switching focus of March 4 stewardship day to Upper Chrome.

Will confirm March 17 mowing with Charles Fleischman.

Point person for administrative initiatives.

Kent Wagner:

Leads March 4 stewardship day at Upper Chrome

Point person for recreational uses and trail planning initiatives.

Henry Whitesel:

Will give David workday waivers forms.

Will file workday report for 2/18 at Goat Hill

Leads 2/25 stewardship day at New Texas

Will let Trish Hannum know that Bob Gray will be FSLSB contact when Henry moves.

Leads 3/10 mowing at Goat Hill

Will circulate date and time of meeting with Wilson King in hopes that at least one other Board member can attend.

Point person for conservation/maintenance planning

C) Items Considered

Restoration Committee

Successful stewardship day at Goat Hill on 2/18.

Glad to hear Mike Waltz was well enough to participate.
Henry to file workday report and scan waivers
New volunteer Catherine Burns (Chris met at PA Botany gathering)
Molly noted two other potential volunteers, will forward information to Chris.
 Catherine Brewer -- Longwood intern
 Catherine Brainerd -- Mt. Cuba

Henry will lead 2/25 stewardship day at New Texas; will let Trish Hannum know that Bob Gray will be FSLSB contact when Henry moves.

Molly provided an update on Lower Chrome

The goal is to prepare for a fall burn, focused on restoring the wetland in the lower fields, but Molly hopes the team can also do a burn at several of our Serpetine sites (such as 9/14, 4, 5 and 6).

Molly hopes to schedule a planning visit by Pat McIlhenny within the next month on a date when one or two FSLSB reps could attend.

Hold off setting a mowing plan for Bob Foulke until after Pat's visit
Bob Foulke -- put in some breaks

TNC hydrologist Brad Maurer hopes to develop a stream bank monitoring scheme for Lower Chrome and enlist FSLB volunteers

David will contact Kent Wagner about switching focus of March 4 stewardship day to Upper Chrome. Tasks: Clear brush around the parking area, clear the outer loop trail, push back brush around scraped area

David will let Pal Durborow know that he will be FSLSB contact when Henry moves.

Henry will lead March 10 mowing at Goat Hill with Jim Herr.

Tracy will lead March 17 mowing at New Texas with Charles Fleischman. David will confirm with Charles.

Henry and Tracy have surveyed needs at Goat Hill.

Target mowing on site 102 and nearby point of Rose Trail

Target Deloitte (6/9) on 86, 87 and 26; small pines in 99

Depending on timing of BoF project, might target 23 with brush whackers (not reachable by mower)

Molly reported that she has updated the boundary signs for the TNC property by NCP. Good relationship with neighbor Jim Metzger

Longwood Gardens interest in the Barrens
Chris will follow up with Peter Zale.

Outreach to Wilson King (Lower Chrome)
Henry hopes to follow up next week.

Henry gone for 2 weeks starting around March 11-12

Rose Trail bridge repair.
Chris will follow up with Andy

Next Board Meeting

Sunday, April 9 2pm at NCP

Chris has emailed Jay to check on availability of the meeting space there.

TNC Youth Certification Program

Molly update:

Having Chris and Tracy complete certification program should cover our needs
Need one a year confirmation, online course every 2 years, background check every 3.

Other Business

We discussed ways of documenting Henry's stewardship standing operating procedures.

Will need to process and archive Henry's files

Molly will discuss here willingness to host a joint FSLSB/TNC volunteer recognition picnic over the summer.

Adjournment

Adjourned at 3:10 pm