

**Friends of the State Line Serpentine Barrens
Nottingham County Park – June 4, 2017**

Attending: Molly Anderson, Bob Gray, Tracy Raymond, Henry Whitesel and Bill Whittaker in person; Chris Hoess by phone

A) Key Dates

1. Our next board meeting

Sunday, July 9, 2:30-4:30 at NCP

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

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

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

B) Action Items Going Forward

Tabled Agenda Items

ATV's at Chrome

Molly Anderson

Follow up on logistics for June 9 Deloitte Day at Goat Hill

Will confirm June 22 at 10am to meet at Lower Chrome to discuss FSLSB participating in TNC stream monitoring project.

ATV incursions at Upper Chrome.

Mike Bertram:

Point person for our history initiatives and web master

Bob Gray:

Point person for strategic planning initiatives.

Chris Hoess:

Confirm next meeting at NCP with Jay: July 9, 2:30-4:30 -- basement space or option to use a pavilion

Will participate in Goat Hill Hunt Club trail work, June 11

Will identify individuals at Lancaster County Conservancy Tracy should contact about inter-organization field trip.

Will review the current list of scientists engaged in current research projects with an eye toward scheduling a meeting at NCP in late July or early August.

Point person for science and education initiatives.

Tracy Raymond

Will circulate ASAP the latest version of the New Texas needs survey and stump report.

Convenor of Outreach Committee

David Ross:

Will email BoF to meet at NCP at 8:30 for June 9.

Will pick up equipment from TNC shed that morning.

Will contact Jay after Freedom Fest offering his and Bill's help in getting the piles loaded for chipping.

Will work with Boy Scouts about organizing a trail work day.

Point person for administrative initiatives.

Kent Wagner:

Henry Whitesel:

Will delivery brushwhacker for repair on Monday.

Will schedule a meeting (contact Kent and Mike) of the Restoration Committee for Thursday, June 22 (after the Lower Chrome meeting) to plan a schedule of fall work days and choose a new convenor for the committee.

Convenor of Restoration Committee

Bill Whittaker:

Will bring gas and socket wrench in time to remove nest from Billy Goat on June 11.

C) Items Considered

Welcome and Agenda

We convened at 2:50pm -- no agenda

Next Meeting Date

July 9 2:30-4:30 at NCP. Chris to confirm with Jay

Restoration and Maintenance

June 9 -- Deloitte Impact Day at Goat Hill

David to email BoF to meet at NCP at 8:30.

Back for lunch around 12:30

Chris and Molly will take responsibility for keeping track of equipment loaned out.

David will pick up equipment from TNC shed that morning.

Henry will delivery brushwhacker for repair on Monday.

Hunt Club Trail Work

Richard Winner asked if we could schedule our trail work for Sunday morning, June 11.

Our contribution will be the two Billy Goats

Chris and Bill have volunteered -- meet at parking lot at 9am; so arrive in time to clean out mouse nest from old Billy Goat and get Billy Goats to parking lot. Bill will bring gas.

David to email Vince Brown to confirm.

Lower Chrome Hydrology Meeting

Molly will confirm June 22 at 10am to meet at Lower Chrome to discuss FSLSB participating in TNC stream monitoring project.

David and Bob (at least can attend)

Restoration Committee Meeting

Henry hopes to schedule a meeting of the Restoration Committee for Thursday, June 22 (after the Lower Chrome meeting) to plan a schedule of fall work days and choose a new convener for the committee. Bob and David are available on that date.

Backup date -- 3rd week in July.

New Texas, June 24

Tracy will circulate ASAP the latest version of the New Texas needs survey and stump report.

Once circulated, Bob, Tracy and Henry will schedule a conference call to review scope of work for June 24.

Since Mike Walz is not available on the 24th; Henry may try to schedule a separate sawyer's day.

Outreach

Volunteer Picnic

We were honored to be chosen as location for the first of a series of local TNC volunteer thank you events.

Plant sale (Tracy)

Rough estimate of \$250 in profit from the event

Recommend doing it next year.

Part of the strong partnership we are building with Tri-State Bird Rescue

Thanks to Jennifer Paveo, who was a huge help.

Recommend repeating in the Fall as part of Nottingham Day

Inter-organizational field trips

We were excited at the idea of proposing this to Lancaster County Conservancy: A small team would meet at Rock Springs for tour and discussion of stewardship plan; then shift to Goat Hill for a similar activity.

David suggested a brief stop at LCC property on Octoraro in West Nottingham.

Chris to pursue to identify contact at LCC.

Once she has LCC contact, Tracy flesh out the event and propose a date to the major stakeholders.

Other

First Friday in October

The yield in terms of workday volunteers from events like the June 14 Oxford Library and Fall Senior Expo does not appear to justify the investment.

Science Support and Outreach

Chris reported that our former volunteer Kathryn Flynn, (now teaching at Berea College in Ohio) has a paper out concluding that Serpentine grasslands yield better results in terms of biodiversity and slowing invasives than sites under tree canopy

Ron Sloto, author of **The Mines and Minerals of Chester County, Pennsylvania** has an updated map. Chris hopes we can share some of Mike Bertram's data with him.

Rachel Spigler has received additional grant support for her work on Rosepink. She has asked for our help in removing the debris piles from the sites in SW corner of NCP. After Freedom Fest, David will contact Jay offering his and Bill's help in getting the piles loaded for chipping.

Our efforts to coordinate with and support scientist working in the Barrens took a big hit when Anna left. We propose to organize an event before mid August to gather as many current researchers as possible. This could be as simple as a brown bag at NCP on a day when several planned a research visit to one of the barrens -- or it could involve semi-formal research proposals. A goal would be to brainstorm low costs options for coordinating activities and getting Chris out of the science coordinator function, while preserving his engagement with the group.

Other Business

Henry requested a brainstorm list of potential Eagle Scout projects

- Kiosk at Chrome
- Replace the lower bridge on Rose Trail
- Trail signage in Goat Hill
- Trail signage at Chrome
- Identifying markers for serpentine sites along the Rose Trail
- Engage a scout troop to solve erosion problems on the trail between sites 23 and 8.

Web site upgrade project

Chris will provide Bill with login information for his Drupal site.

Bill will begin the process of exporting pages from the existing Web site.

Tracy will design a set of queries for the Board and other stake holders

- What do you think our website should do?
 - for the public
 - as an intranet
- What do you like about sites for similar organizations you view as effective?

Adjournment

Adjourned at 4:15