

**Friends of the State Line Serpentine Barrens
Nottingham County Park – July 9, 2017**

Attending: Chris Hoess, David Ross, Henry Whitesel

A) Key Dates

1. Our next board meeting

Sunday, TBD -- proposed dates August 13 or 20

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

July 18, 6-8pm, NCP, Beauty of the Barrens (sponsored by Chester Cty Parks)

August 2 -- tentative date for researcher info-sharing gathering

B) Action Items Going Forward

Tabled Agenda Items

ATV's at Chrome

Ex officio board representation

Need a volunteer to walk trails at Upper Chrome and report on status of trails.

Molly Anderson

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:

Will work with Tracy on cleaning up the workday volunteer list preparative to sending out an outreach email.

Will work with Tracy to schedule botany hike at New Texas.

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.

Will contact Joe to request copy of latest BoF management plan for Goat Hill or at least any management region designations used by BoF; does BoF have a site designation system on its maps?

Point person for science and education initiatives.

Tracy Raymond

Will work with Chris on cleaning up the workday volunteer list preparative to sending out an outreach email.

Will send email to our full contact list promoting

Will schedule August 2 researcher info-sharing event.

Will work with Chris to schedule botany hike at New Texas.

Convenor of Outreach Committee

David Ross:

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.

David will contact Molly to determine what support TNC needs to prepare for burn at Lower Chrome; status of ATV incursions at Upper Chrome

David will contact Ed Farber who volunteered to sort through FSLSB mapping information to discuss whether Ed can take on the task of helping us standardize our site codes at Goat Hill. If this doesn't seem a fruitful path, David will contact TNC GIS staff.

Will lead December 15 workday at NCP

Point person for administrative initiatives.

Kent Wagner:

Henry Whitesel:

Will establish the deadline by which the Scout needs to finish the project (i.e., when does he turn 18).

Will lead August 12 workday at NT

Convenor of Restoration Committee

Bill Whittaker:

C) Items Considered

Welcome and Agenda

Chris convened meeting at 2:30

Accepted additions to the agenda

Agreed that Molly, Marci and Joe are ex officio members of the Board based on our affiliation with PPF and origins as a TNC volunteer group. Will consider whether to invite Jay Gregg as an ex officio member to the extent that we can be considered a Friends group for NCP.

Next Meeting Date

David will contact Molly, Tracy and Bob about August 13 or 20. Going forward, would a weekday evening meeting be more attractive?

Activity Schedule

- Active Members

We made a pass through our workday contact list to identify names of volunteers who have participated in recent years or whom we thought we might be able to engage moving forward.

We will consider ways more directly to engage with this list of more likely volunteers asking for responses to our workday announcements once we have perfected our Fall schedule.

We also will consider sending out an opt out offer to the remaining names on the lists.

Pairing down the list -- you are on our list

- July 18, 6-8pm, NCP, Beauty of the Barrens

Tracy will send a notice of this event with registration link to our contact list

<http://chesco.org/2323/July-2017>

- August 2nd info-sharing session for researchers

Tracy is authorized to schedule the event, spending up to \$100 for refreshments.

Business

- Condition of individual barrens

We discussed the status of the properties we serve

New Texas --

Henry estimates we will need two workdays to accomplish the immediate tasks emerging from the last survey.

Chris will work with Tracy to schedule a botany hike at New Texas; when scheduled should invite Lancaster Conservancy staff as well.

Lower Chrome --

David will contact Molly to determine what support TNC needs to prepare for burn.

Upper Chrome --

David will contact Molly about status of ATV incursions at Upper Chrome. We need a volunteer to walk Upper Chrome trail and assess status. Is the trail and NE barren site ready for Chris Weaver mowing?

NCP --

SW sites need to have debris piles removed and some work on greenbriar. Workdays along Doe Trail should target greenbriar around trees in areas cleared by ambusher.

Goat Hill --

David working with scouts about clearing trail to site 19

Consider proposing a different blaze (red rose?) for Rose trail to avoid confusion with paint marks indicating parcel boundary lines.

- Labeling management units and grasslands

We discussed the benefits of dividing Goat Hill into 4-5 management units and resolving discrepancies among the different systems used to designate serpentine sites there.

Chris will contact Joe to request copy of latest BoF management plan for Goat Hill or at least any management region designations used by BoF.

- Eagle Scout Project

We were attracted to the idea of having site identification markers installed in each serpentine site along the Rose Trail. It would be desirable to have a system of markers installed where it would be easy to change the site designation in the future.

Henry will establish the deadline by which the Scout needs to finish the project (i.e., when does he turn 18).

Chris will contact Joe to see what site designation information BoF has (if any).

David will contact Ed Farber who volunteered to sort through FSLSB mapping information to discuss whether Ed can take on the task of helping us standardize our site codes at Goat Hill. If this doesn't seem a fruitful path, David will contact TNC GIS staff.

- Scheduling of stewardship days

We reviewed Henry's draft workday schedule for the fall

- Light Activity Days

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Adjournment

Adjourned at 4:35