

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

Participating: Chris Hoess, Bob Gray, David Ross, Tracy Raymond, Henry Whitesel.

A) Key Dates

1. Our next board meeting

Sunday, January 14, 2018, 2-4pm, Nottingham County Park

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

Participant Access Code: 445962#

2. Hikes, Talks, Work Days and Other Commitments

Sun 3 Dec 0900 New Texas -- Bob leads or Fri 22 Dec 0900 New Texas -- David leads

Fri 15 Dec 0900 Goat Hill stewardship -- David w/Kent leads

Fri 19 Jan 0900 New Texas -- David leads

Fri 16 Feb 0900 -- Goat Hill -- Kent leads

B) Action Items Going Forward

Tabled Agenda Items

Ex officio board representation

Recruiting new board members

Draft strategic plan for hosting International Serpentine Conference

Promoting better communication among Board members in executing events and activities

Mapping and protecting *Ceanothus americanus* and *Baptisia tinctoria*

Web site

Outreach committee

Molly Anderson

Will reschedule Upper Chrome trail work for early in the New Year.

Mike Bertram:

Point person for our history initiatives and web master

Bob Gray:

Leads December 3 New Texas work day -- sending out invitation on November 26

Point person for strategic planning initiatives.

Chris Hoess:

Will arrange for our next Board meeting at NCP for January 14.

Tracy Raymond

Convene outreach committee

David Ross:

Will facilitate consultation with Restoration Committee about items discussed today.

Lead December 15 work day at Goat Hill. Will coordinate with BoF including delivery of cabinet and ATV training.

Arranges visit to New Texas with Charlie Fleischman late December.

Point person for administrative initiatives.

Kent Wagner:

Henry Whitesel:

Confirms December 3 New Texas work day week of November 27

Bill Whittaker:

C) Items Considered

Welcome and Agenda

Board Elections

The Board thanked Henry Whitesel, as his 2nd full year of service on the Board comes to an end, for his years of service and continuing commitment to FSLSB.

He expressed a willingness to continue attending Board meetings as an emeritus member.

Bob, Chris and David have one more year on their term-2 appointments.

The Board elected Tracy Raymond to serve a 2nd three year term.

The Board elected
Chris as Chair
Tracy as Vice-Chair
David as Secretary.

Tracy agreed to continue to serve as acting Treasurer.

We agreed to add Board recruitment to our next Board meeting agenda.

Next Meeting Date

Sunday, January 14, 2018, 2-4pm, Nottingham County Park
Chris to confirm

Upcoming Activities

Reviewed under the Restoration Committee workday schedule below

Reports of Committees

- Restoration Committee

David agreed to facilitate consultation within the committee about the issues raised below.

- New workday schedule

Next New Texas workday will be either
Sun 3 Dec 0900 New Texas -- Bob leads or
Fri 22 Dec 0900 New Texas -- David leads

Bob will proceed with sending out invitation on November 26
Henry will check with the Hannums mid week

Chris plans to lay out no-mow areas in site 2.

David will arrange to have Charlie Fleischman visit to fine tune pre-mowing prep work plan.

Fri 15 Dec 0900 Goat Hill stewardship -- David w/Kent leads

The plan is to incorporate in this work day BoF ATV training

Fri 19 Jan 0900 New Texas -- David

Fri 16 Feb 0900 -- Goat Hill -- Kent leads

Spring Mowing -- There are 5 Saturdays in March 2018, we'd like two dates with Jim Herr at Goat Hill and one date at New Texas with Charlie Fleischman. Monitor weather, but the ideal schedule would involve 3/9, 16 and 23,

- Henry re: conditions at New Texas

Henry reported (written report filed in record time) on successful workday at New Texas on November 17. The Board agreed to his recommendation that we treat the southern end of site 3 as a low priority item at this time.

Restoration Committee will discuss next steps

- ATV training

David will confirm with BoF

- Equipment Maintenance and Organization

We hope BoF can provide the metal storage locker on December 15.

We have made great progress in organizing the shed. Chris will pursue organizing a meeting to draft a set of protocols for winterizing our equipment and restoring same for spring workdays. Steps will include

Reviewing our current workday protocol sheet

Reviewing brush cutter manuals

Identify small engines technician to advise us

Hope to find a time Andy can join us (must this be weekend?)

Explore having BoF or NCP maintenance person join us (must this be M-F, 9-5?)

- Nottingham County Park

Henry observed a serpentine site that seems to be flourishing, but could use attention along Firebreak 10.

We agreed to keep one another informed about the response to the devastating Southern Pine Beetle infestation at NCP.

Business

- Site issues at Chrome (burn effects, game cameras)

Chris to email Molly about mowing around Upper Chrome parking lot; might debris prove helpful fuel for Lower Chrome fire?

David responded to Brandywine Conservancy inquiry: we have no information about missing game cameras on trails linked to scraped area.

- Chrome monitoring

Report on October 22 seed collection has been posted.

We were unable to get photos of Lower Chrome this weekend; David will take the next round end of week; with Tracy and Bill following up the next week.

Chris hopes to integrate activities in Lower Chrome into his spring courses.

- Brandywine Conservancy/LCC
Brandywine -- Chris will follow up with new local steward.

Table LCC discussion to January

David mentioned potential collaboration with extension service Master Watershed Stewards Program.

- Outreach/Website planning

Tabled

Adjourned 3:40