

**Friends of the State Line Serpentine Barrens
Conference – February 18, 2018**

Participating: Chris Hoess & David Ross by phone

A) Key Dates

1. Our next board meeting

Sunday, March 4, 2:00-4:00pm, NCP

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

Participant Access Code: 445962#

2. Hikes, Talks, Work Days and Other Commitments

April 29 -- Beauty in the Barrens

May -- Chris leads Mt. Cuba event

June 8 -- Deloitte Day at Upper Chrome

B) Action Items Going Forward

Tabled Agenda Items

Stakeholders meeting (March)

Update FSLSB strategic plan

Web site (April)

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*

Molly Anderson

Lead for June Deloitte Day

Will brief Board on TNC Land Steward assessment of Chrome.

Mike Bertram:

Point person for our history initiatives and web master

Bob Gray:

Point person for strategic planning initiatives.

Chris Hoess:

Will contact NCP to confirm March 4

Will update Nottingham plant list with Roger Latham additions.

Will email DCNR pest management contact to maintain communication about pine beetle.

Will proceed to schedule March 9 meeting with Brandywine Conservancy.

Will ask Tracy if she can attend one or the other PPF retreats with FLSB covering travel expenses.

FLSB point person for April 29 Beauty in the Barrens event at NCP; will explore way to obtain permission from participants to share contact information with us.

Leading Goat Hill event in May for Mt. Cuba.

Will show revised Goat Hill map to Henry; if passes the easier-to-read test, will share with Tracy.

Will produce an updated site map for New Texas and share with Tracy.

Will send thank you note to Harold Sweetman.

Monitoring pine beetle restoration at NCP with Roger Latham.

Will pursue a meeting with LCC staff to discuss Rock Springs and New Texas.

Will follow up on opportunity to discuss easement monitoring and other stewardship activities with Susan Charkes.

Check board recruiting item (January Minutes) for next steps.

Will participate in outreach committee meeting with Tracy.

Will determine feasibility of providing Board access to FLSB server (for April Board meeting).

Will add updating our strategic plan to March Board meeting agenda.

Will add web site as March agenda item.

Tracy Raymond

Will produce laminated versions of the Goat Hill map (once Chris makes numbers easier to read) and New Texas map (once Chris produces it).

Point person for May 5 Tri-States Bird Rescue event.

Will pay \$55 printing bill.

Will follow up on conversation with Debbie Beer, Natural Lands

Check board recruiting item for next steps.

Will share organizational scheme for the new website for the February Board meeting.

Will schedule outreach committee meeting with Chris.

David Ross:

Will give Molly the go-ahead to target Upper Chrome for Deloitte work day.

Will work with Henry on scheduling mowing at New Texas.

Will schedule time with Jim Herr to walk through Goat Hill.

Coordinates Barren Brook monitoring effort.

Schedules restoration committee meetings.

Point person for administrative initiatives.

Kent Wagner:

Leads February/March Goat Hill workday.

Henry Whitesel:

Will work with David to coordinate Jim Herr mowing at Goat Hill.

Bill Whittaker:

C) Items Considered

Welcome and Agenda

Meeting shifted to conference call because of work activity at NCP. Chris and David agreed to proceed without a quorum.

Next Meeting Date

March 4, 2:00-4:00pm
Chris will confirm availability of NCP

Activity Schedule

- Mowing at New Texas

David working with Henry and Charlie Fleischman to explore mowing option with Hannums

- Mowing at Goat Hill

David working with Kent to reschedule cancelled February 16 work day.

David will arrange Goat Hill visit with Jim Herr.

Updates

- Nottingham County Park status

Chris reports that Roger Latham is in regular contact with Owen Prusack, so we should be well informed about restoration plans.

The effort to clear pitch pine has run into a snag: Glatfelter Paper Company is not willing to take trees that suffered fire damage (raising disposal cost to County) and Dept. of Ag has not issued Spotted Lantern Fly waiver.

- Roger Latham-CCLT gift, Nottingham plant list

Roger shared his Nottingham plant list. Chris will incorporate into his own spreadsheet, forming a resource for April Beauty in the Barrens hike.

Roger is fine having \$200 Cecil County Land Trust honorarium donated to FLSLB's PPF account

- Goat Hill-pine beetle

BoF reports southern pine beetle endemic to parts of Goat Hill. Action plan under discussion.

Chris will reach out to contact at DCNR pest management group as one other information channel.

- Brandywine Conservancy meeting

David can't make March 9th meeting; Chris will proceed solo; hopes to schedule a joint visit to the Barrens with reps from Brandywine Conservancy and Cecil County Land Trust.

- Beauty of the Barrens

April 29th -- Chris and Sally Willig plan to scout out site one week before. Chris will contact NCP to explore allowing participants to volunteer to release contact information to us.

- NLT volunteers

Tray has contacted Debbie Beer about sharing information on utilizing volunteers for preserve maintenance. Waiting to hear back.

- Other Items on Chris To Do List

Reviewed and updated other Action Items on Chris's list from January Board meeting.

- Chrome

Molly reports:

- Our Director of Stewardship, Pat McElhenny and the rest of the Stewardship Team (Land Stewards: George Gress, Josephine Gingerich & Elizabeth Hanson) will be conducting a site visit soon to familiarize themselves with condition of the burn units at Lower Chrome as well as the trails at Upper Chrome and get back to us with next steps. I discussed with Pat our thoughts on including other users (equestrian folks) of the trails and he is keeping all of that in consideration. We will just wait on further instruction, no need to do anything else at this point in time.
- Pat is also working through both the township and PGC (Pennsylvania Game Commission) in enrolling Upper and Lower Chrome into public access for hunting. No new news to report on that front just yet.

Business

- Reschedule Goat Hill workday?

Chris agreed to share availability and David will reach out to Kent.

- Target of Deloitte Day: Chrome vs Goat Hill

David will let Molly know that we are comfortable with targeting Upper Chrome.

- ATV training

We will encourage board members and likely workday leaders to pass the on-line course.

David will approach Tom Murphy about giving us an unofficial orientation on the capabilities of the ATV.

- Maps

Chris is working on updating the Goat Hill and New Texas maps.

- Chapter retreat

We agreed it would be desirable for FSLSB representative to attend one of the two PPF retires. Chris can't make the February 24 date, but might be able to make March 10 work. He will see if Tracy can attend one or the other with FSLSB covering travel expenses.

- Stakeholder Meeting

Tabled to March meeting.

Adjourned 2:45