

**Friends of the State Line Serpentine Barrens
Conference Call – May 30, 2018**

Participating: Molly Anderson, Chris Hoess, David Ross by phone.

A) Key Dates

1. Our next board meeting

Monday, July 2, NCP 7pm

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

Participant Access Code: 445962#

2. Hikes, Talks, Work Days and Other Commitments

June 8 -- Deloitte Day at Upper Chrome -- Molly leads

June 15 -- Goat Hill -- Henry leads

B) Action Items Going Forward

Tabled Agenda Items

Web Site Reboot

Review Strategic Plan

International Serpentine Conference

Molly Anderson

Will share highlights of tonight's meeting with Pat McIlhenny and Liz Johnson including our support for a stakeholder meeting to discuss Pat's proposed management plan for the Barrens and a strategy for approaching the Hannums about protecting New Texas.

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 see if Park Office is available for July 2 Board meeting.

Will carry out the tasks described for him under Recruiting Projects.

Tracy Raymond

Will schedule Outreach Committee meeting.

David Ross:

Pass ATV safety course.

Will contact Sarel Cousins to explore the possibility of her drafting a mini public outreach project plan for one or more of the Barrens

Will contact Bob Gray to discuss a potential volunteer opportunity to scan files, photos and maps and then draft project description.

Will convene Restoration Committee meeting.

Point person for administrative initiatives.

Kent Wagner:

Pass ATV safety course

Henry Whitesel:

Bill Whittaker:

C) Items Considered

Welcome and Agenda

Chris convened the meeting at 7:30 with Molly joining at 7:40

Next Meeting Date

We tentatively set Monday, July 2 at 7pm. Chris will check about using NCP.

TNC Update

We discussed the following updates of the evolving TNC plan for meeting stewardship needs of the Stateline Barrens

1) Pat McIlhenny led successful burns at Goat Hill (site 99) and Lower Chrome (burn site 5) on May 1 drawing in staff from Game Commission, Bureau of Forestry, Central PA Conservancy and Longwood Gardens. He plans to lead a fall burn of the other burn sites at Lower Chrome.

2) Pat is engaging Game Commission about potentially entering into cooperative agreements involving Chrome Barrens (joint with Elk Township), Goat Hill (joint with BoF) and Rock Springs (joint with Lancaster County Conservancy).

3) Pat is interested in exploring options for protecting New Texas. David is our current contact with the Hannum family.

- 4) Long term plan remains to turn TNC property bordering NCP over to Chester County.
- 5) Liz Johnson as expressed an interest in having TNC host a stakeholder meeting to discuss Pat's proposal for long-term management of the State Line Barrens.

Recruiting Projects

We devoted the bulk of the meeting to discussing Chris's proposal that we identify a set of one-off projects to engage individuals outside of our core Friends group. The goal for tonight was to identify some tentative ideas with the goal of returning with concrete proposals for the next Board meeting.

1) Science contacts/projects

a) Chris will update Rachel Spigler on the status of work being done at Goat Hill, NCP and Chrome and determine the status of her Rose Pink research there.

b) Chris is in touch with Kelly Sitch, who has monitoring sites at Goat Hill area 99.

c) Chris will provide updates to faculty at WCU Geography and others about a potential research opportunity involving a paleo-Native American quarry near New Texas

d) Chris will update David Royer about the stream monitoring project on Barrens Brook and ask if he might be interested in incorporating invertebrate monitoring into one of his 2018-19 courses. If he expresses no interest, than David will contact David Arscott (Stroud) to see if there might be another party interested in such a project.

e) Chris will reach out to Sally Willig to see if she might have an interest in a project related to the restoration work at NCP.

f) Chris will draft a short proposal for a preliminary serpentine field guide to take to the November PA Botany Symposium in search of a potential volunteer

g) Chris will review names on our contact list to identify a potential candidate to study the effect of fluctuation vegetation on native caterpillar populations -- an iNaturalist project.

h) Chris will contact Greg Sachs (participated in seed collection work day at Chrome) to update him on restoration activities there and gauge interest in a collaboration with us.

2) Other contacts/projects

a) David will contact Sarel Cousins to explore the possibility of her drafting a mini public outreach project plan for one or more of the Barrens

b) Chris has sent Elizabeth Krone a thank you note for her group's participation in May 4 workday at Goat Hill.

c) We hope to draft (before the next Board meeting) a series of one-off projects to offer as volunteer opportunities to our contact list and Molly's SE PA volunteer newsletter. Ideas shared:

i) Chris will draft a paragraph describing a desired serpentine press kit that could be provided to participants in hikes or for talks led by members of our Board.

ii) Chris will explore the potential to break down tasks related to getting our data server and revised Web site functioning.

iii) David will contact Bob Gray to discuss a potential volunteer opportunity to scan files, photos and maps and then draft project description.

Other Business

- Adjustments for Chrome workday

June 1 mini-workday has been cancelled.

Adjourned at 9pm.