

**Friends of the State Line Serpentine Barrens
Board Meeting – July 2, 2018**

Participating: Chris Hoess, David Ross in person; Molly Anderson and Bob Gray by phone.

A) Key Dates

1. Our next board meeting

August 16 or 20, 7pm-8:30 at NCP. Chris to confirm

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

Participant Access Code: 445962#

2. Hikes, Talks, Work Days and Other Commitments

B) Action Items Going Forward

Tabled Agenda Items

Web Site Reboot

Review Strategic Plan

International Serpentine Conference

Molly Anderson

Will confirm August 24 meeting at Lower Chrome and circulate meeting time and place.

Mike Bertram:

Point person for our history initiatives and web master

Bob Gray:

Will draft a few sentences describing contents of FSLSB archive material and transfer files to David.

Point person for strategic planning initiatives.

Chris Hoess:

Will confirm next Board meeting date after checking his teaching schedule and Tracy's and NCP availability: Thursday, August 16 and Monday, August 20 at NCP from 7pm-8:30.

Will contact Henry to offer to lead 7/12 workday; determine the location and workday goals in time to send out workday announcement on Thursday, July 5; and remind Henry of need to submit reports for recent workdays.

Will follow up after Freedom Fest with John Conlow about iNat park staff training and eventual public training session.

Will check his schedule to see if he can attend July 18 Fire in the Serpentine Barrens talk at NCP.

Responsible for updating the Google Sheets contact file and Dropbox txt file.

Will contact Rick Hartlieb to propose that we be allowed to add a combination padlock to Goat Hill gate from parking lot. He will also request an update on acquiring direct access to Goat Hill from Ridge Rd.

Will try to complete online ATV training before he leaves for Maine.

Will pull together a detailed proposal for FSLSB to partner in the PA Master Naturalist program.

Will decide whether to register FSLSB for tabling at the PA Botanical Symposium gathering, November 2-3.

Will follow up with David Royer and Will Ryan on potential stream monitoring.

Tracy Raymond

Will schedule Outreach Committee meeting.

David Ross:

Will contact Tom Murphy about Rose Trail bridge, trail work, and ATV training.

Will complete online ATV training.

Will convene Restoration Committee meeting.

Point person for administrative initiatives.

Kent Wagner:

Will complete online ATV training.

Henry Whitesel:

Will complete workday reports.

Bill Whittaker:

C) Items Considered

Welcome and Agenda

We made minor tweaks in the agenda to address participant needs.

Next Meeting Date

Thursday, August 16 and Monday, August 20 at NCP from 7pm-8:30 work for Molly, Bob and David. Chris will confirm the date once he checks his teaching schedule, Tracy's availability and NCP meeting room.

Activity Schedule

- Workdays 7/7 (New Texas), 7/12, 8/3 (locations TBD)

David leads 7/7 workday at New Texas.

Henry has agreed to lead 8/3 workday.

Chris will contact Henry to offer to lead 7/12 workday. He and Henry will determine the location and workday goals in time to send out workday announcement on Thursday, July 5. Chris will remind Henry of need to submit reports for recent workdays.

- iNat training session, Nottingham (TBD, after 7/7)

Chris has agreed to provide iNat training for park staff. Contact is John Conlow, who hopes this can be expanded into a Park-sponsored public event. Molly is interested in learning more about such training sessions work.

NCP is offering Wednesday, June 18 Fire in the Serpentine Barrens; 6-8pm, Pavilion 5.

- Fall geology trip, Nottingham (TBD)

Chris would lead the trip once logging is completed

Reports of Committees

- Restoration Committee: Deloitte Day, 6/29 Goat Hill workday

Both events were great successes. Follow up activities are being scheduled for Goat Hill. Follow up at Upper Chrome will depend on strategies emerging from meeting with Pat McElhenny.

Business

- Collaborating with Pennsylvania Game Commission

Molly announced that TNC has entered into an agreement with Pa Game Commission, under which Game Commission will take responsibility for habitat restoration at Lower Chrome (all 65 acres) starting in September. The restoration plan will include creating a parking lot for public access.

Molly will schedule a meeting on site for August 24 to discuss the emerging restoration/maintenance plan. The date works for Bob, Chris and David

Pat is helping to broker a similar arrangement for Rock Springs.

Chris noted that the National Wild Turkey Foundation has provided a grant mowing along the power line cut at Goat Hill.

- Procedure for updating workday list

Chris requests that workday leaders use the contact txt file on Dropbox for volunteer email addresses. He will try to process any contact updates (adding new volunteers and removing address bouncebacks) within two days of receiving email notice.

- Installing cleats on bridge at Goat Hill

Chris reported that several volunteers have slipped crossing the wooden bridge on Rose trail just north of site 24. David will raise the concern with Tom Murphy, since scouts installed the original bridge. Chris suggested that FSLSB offer to take responsibility for fixing the problem.

- Trial of the PA Master Naturalist Program

Chris proposes that FSLSB pay the fee to become a Master Naturalist Program partner, which would allow our workdays to be used for certification credits under the program. He will provide additional details for the August board meeting.

- Advertising at Pennsylvania Botanical Symposium?

Chris reported that he is considering contributing the fee to register FSLSB for tabling at the PA Botanical Symposium gathering, November 2-3

- Mini-projects

We considered these updates on the initiative to use specific mini-projects as a way of engaging additional volunteer FSLSB activities.

- Field guide (w Susan Charkes) (Chris)

Susan Charkes (Brandywine Conservancy) has expressed interest in collaborating with Chris on such a guide

- Lecture/Hike Material

David suggested Sally Willig as a potential volunteer to collaborate in producing a set of notes or power point slides that you could be made available for hikes and presentations.

- Stream Monitoring at Chrome

Chris has sent email to David Royer at Lincoln. He will follow up with Will Ryan about potential for collaborating with Academy of Natural Sciences monitoring initiatives in the area.

- Scanning Archival Material

Bob will locate the archival material and draft a few sentences describing the contents. David will arrange to receive the material at Bryn Mawr to make it easier to transfer to a volunteer once identified.

- Sarel Cousins

David and Chris will continue discussing potential outreach/management projects Sarel might take on to improve the user-friendly nature of preserves where we perform restoration activities.

- Mechanized Travel
 - ATV Training (OnLine)
 - Gate Keys
 - ATV Training (Physical)

Chris will contact Rick Hartlieb to propose adding an FLSB combination lock to the Goat Hill gate from parking lot. If he agrees, Chris will arrange a time to add the lock.

- Strategic partners: Wetlands Strategies/Exelon, TNC, LCC
 - What is our role and how will we interface with them?

Chris will continue discussions with Elizabeth Krone.

Adjourned at 8:25.