

**Friends of the State Line Serpentine Barrens  
Board Meeting – September 23, 2018**

Participating: Bob Gray, Chris Hoess, David Ross by conference call.

**A) Key Dates**

1. Our next board meeting

Proposed: Thursday, October 4 from 8pm to 9pm -- via conference call

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

**Participant Access Code: 445962#**

2. Hikes, Talks, Work Days and Other Commitments

October 6, 9am: New Texas, Henry Whitesel workday leader

October 28, 9am: Goat Hill, Henry Whitesel workday leader

**B) Business**

This year, we have been challenged to have all Board members available to attend each of our monthly meetings and to stay on top of our agenda. We devoted this Meeting to discussing how to bring our immediate priorities in line with the resources available to us.

We started by reviewing our 2016 Strategic Goals and Objectives and an email Chris sent suggesting options.

1) We tentatively agreed that we need to narrow our focus to

a) maintain connections with existing volunteers and craft workdays to support or complement mowing;

b) maintain ties with partner organizations that can take on some of the load of maintain state line barrens including PPFF, TNC, PPCA (Pennsylvania Plant Conservation Alliance);

c) expand efforts to solicit volunteers to take on tasks beyond the ability of the current Board to provide; and

d) explore shifting from an organization based on conducting restoration activities to coordinating and advising on restoration activities;

2) We will continue this conversation during our next Board meeting inviting emeritus Board members Henry Whitesel and Mike Bertram.

a) David will reach out to Henry;

b) Bob will reach out to Molly and Mike

c) Chris will reach out to Tracy

Tentative meeting date, Thursday October 4 from 8-9 (conference call); alternative date Sunday, October 28.

3) We accept the Restoration Committee recommendation for October 6 and 28 workdays and to approach Jim Herr (Goat Hill) and Charlie Fleischmann (New Texas) about mowing.

4) Chris will draft a summary of FLSB's narrowing of strategic focus summarizing the need for volunteers to address two key areas:

- a) information technology -- including website support, membership database, and email services
- b) public information and cultivating volunteers

**Adjourned** at 5:40.