

**Friends of the State Line Serpentine Barrens
Board Meeting – October 4, 2018**

Participating: Molly Anderson, Mike Bertram, Bob Gray, Chris Hoess, David Ross, Henry Whitesel by conference call.

A) Key Dates

1. Our next board meeting

TBD

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) Action Items Going Forward

Tabled for Future Action

Coordinate acknowledging the contributions of our volunteer mowers with a fruit basket or similar item.

Annual Meeting to elect board members.

Molly Anderson

Will await delivery of FSLSB volunteer position needs to include in October volunteer newsletter

Mike Bertram:

Point person for our history initiatives and web master

Bob Gray:

Point person for strategic planning initiatives.

Chris Hoess:

Will contact Rick Hartlieb about potential Hillside Mine loop trail

Will work on short job descriptions for October 12 deadline:

- a) Manage the membership database and provide other back-office IT support
- b) Volunteer contact and public outreach
- c) Assisting in scheduling board and committee meetings and disseminating agenda

With Henry, will introduce Hillside Mine trail project to Chad Hudson and Kent Wagner on October 6.

Will work with Roger Latham to monitor plans for restoring Nottingham County Park.

Will continue as contact person for scientific researchers.

Tracy Raymond

Continues to serve as Vice President

David Ross:

Will work with Jim Herr to schedule mowing at Goat Hill

Will add Rocky Gleason to Dropbox.

Will introduce Hillside Mine trail project to Tom Murphy, Kendra Lyons and Sarel Cousins.

Will work with Charlie Fleischman to schedule mowing at New Texas.

Will schedule our next Board and Restoration Committee meetings.

Kent Wagner:

Leads February Goat Hill workday.

Henry Whitesel:

Will lead October 6 and October 28 workdays

With Chris, will introduce Hillside Mine trail project to Chad Hudson and Kent Wagner on October 6.

Will discuss Hillside Mine trail project with Kendra Lyons on October 28.

C) Business

We welcomed former board members Mike Bertram and Henry Whitesel to the call. The entire focus of the meeting was on continuing the discussion begun on the September 23.

We agreed that, while we seek to follow PPF bylaws -- in particular in filling out and setting terms for the FLSB Board -- we will not be constrained by them as we pursue mission.

We will make sure we have PPF officer descriptions handy to use as recruit volunteers to take on those roles.

We endorsed the conclusions of the 9/23 meeting:

- Shift a central focus from organizing restoration workdays to advising landowners and other stakeholders on best practice in maintaining serpentine grasslands, savannahs and forests.
- Coordinate mowing at Goat Hill and New Texas
- Engage with TNC/Pennsylvania Game Commission restoration plan for Lower Chrome
- Engage with restoration planning for Nottingham County Park
- Focus on recruiting volunteers to address sequentially critical organizational needs

Recruiting volunteers is a combination of developing specific tasks that would be a match for one or more individuals on our email list or that might appeal to the broader environmental and scientific community. With that in mind,

- 1) Henry suggested we mobilize resources to build a loop trail to the Hillside Mine at Goat Hill.
 - a) Chris will contact Rick Hartlieb to see if BoF has any concerns about such a project.
 - b) Henry and Chris will introduce the topic to Chad Hudson and Kent Wagner during the October 6 workday at New Texas.
 - c) Henry will introduce the topic to Kendra Lyons during the October 28 workday at Goat Hill.
 - d) Sarel Cousins is another potential volunteer for the project.
 - e) David will contact Tom Murphy to explore potential collaboration with the Boy Scouts.

As another illustration of the sort of project that might attract volunteers from a broader environmentalist pool, Henry noted a need to restore parts of Goat Hill that had formerly attracted whip-poor-will populations.

- 2) We will craft a recruitment message to address critical organizational needs by October 12 to
 - include in Molly's October 15 TNC volunteer newsletter
 - send out with the October 6 workday report to our full email list

We agreed on the following first tranche of needs with others to follow once these are filled or as way opens.

- d) Manage the membership database and provide other back-office IT support
 - e) Volunteer contact and public outreach
 - f) Assisting in scheduling board and committee meetings and disseminating agenda
- 3) We agreed to acknowledge the contributions of our volunteer mowers with a fruit basket or similar item.

Adjourned at 9:05.