

**Mid-Atlantic Chapter  
Society for the Preservation of Old Mills**

**April 22, 2017  
Semiannual Meeting**

Location: Newlin Grist Mill, Concordville, PA  
Attendees: See Attachment A

President Dan Campbell opened the business meeting at noon, thanking Steve Childers, Tony Shahan and Karen Peterson for planning and hosting the event. He also thanked Bob McLaughlin for his service as chapter president. He noted the passing of faithful members Steve Spring and Terry Koller in March.

**Minutes** of the September 2016 meeting at Springfield Mill of Morris Arboretum in Philadelphia PA were approved as distributed.

**Finance:** The balance in the treasury is \$9,503.80. See Attachment B for a detailed report. The report will be placed on file for audit. The 2016 Year-end Audit was completed by Craig Sansonetti. All records are in good order.

**Membership:** Paid 2017 memberships include 44 chapter/SPOOM (\$10), 7 non-SPOOM members (\$15), 20 sustaining memberships (\$25), and 14 organizational memberships (\$50) for a membership total of 85.

**Website:** There are 300 subscribers to the [www.spoommidatlantic.org](http://www.spoommidatlantic.org) website. Beth de Francis took a WordPress workshop and will suggest changes for blog delivery. A motion by Bob McLaughlin, seconded by Linda Koons, to allow members only to post one free ad per year (thus eliminating fees for nonmember postings) was passed.

**Project Report:** Dan Campbell presented the report. See attachment C for details.

**Old Business**

**SPOOM Mid-Atlantic Grant** of \$605 was paid to the Mill at Anselma for clearing drain to creek.

**2017 SPOOM Conference:** The full SPOOM conference will be held October 11-14 featuring Lower Susquehanna Valley mill tours in York and Lancaster counties on Thursday and Friday with featured speakers on Saturday morning. The cost is \$175 for SPOOM members. The SPOOM MA Chapter Meeting will begin with lunch at the Agricultural Industrial Museum in York on Saturday followed by a tour of the museum. The registration for Saturday speakers, lunch and tour is \$20 for those who are not attending the SPOOM conference.

SPOOM Mill List – Bob McLaughlin is now manager

**SPOOM Mid-Atlantic Chapter Status:** On a motion by Steve Childers, seconded by Bill Koons, the board recommends acceptance of the drafted bylaws based on any comments submitted by May 15. At that point, the final version will be posted for thirty days and then submitted to the membership for voting. Following adoption of the bylaws, the group will apply for not-for-profit incorporation in Pennsylvania.

**SPOOM Mill List and Mills Open to the Public:** Bob McLaughlin is now managing the SPOOM Mill Lists. Contact him at [rlm101@verizon.net](mailto:rlm101@verizon.net) or use the [www.spoom.org](http://www.spoom.org) website for details.

**New Business**

**Board of Directors Liability Insurance:** Jeff Benner, agent for our event insurance coverage, provided a quote of \$950. Charles Yeske will contact SPOOM to compare their plan. The board will pursue this.

**Elections:** A motion by Mason Maddox, seconded by Linda Koons to elect Craig Sansonetti as secretary to record and distribute minutes passed. The position of newsletter editor is still open.

**SPOOM Archives:** Tony Shahan reminded members to use the archives housed at Newlin Mill to find information on specific mills.

**Threshermen's Convention:** Todd Eyster suggested offering a day trip to the Rough and Tumble Museum in Kinzers PA. Based on interest shown, Todd will arrange the details which will be distributed to our contact list.

**The Way We Worked** is a traveling exhibit from the Smithsonian Institute which will be housed at the Carroll County Farm Museum with special activities at Union Mills and nearby sites for six weeks starting in May.

**Nittany Antique Machinery Association (NAMA) Spring Show** is June 2, 3, 4, 2017 at Penn's Cave in Centre Hall, PA. See <http://www.nittanyantique.org> for details.

**Future SPOOM Mid-Atlantic Meetings:** At present, sites for 2018 have not been confirmed. The following sites were mentioned as possibilities.

- Burwell Morgan, Lockes Mill and Colvin Run – Roger Steyaert and Bruce Gilbert
- Shank's Mill (Waynesboro PA) with Union Mills (Westminster MD) – Adrian Shank, Ivan and Marlene Lufriu (Spring date)
- Patapsco River Mill Tour (Beth de Francisco-Sun) Fall 2018
- Double Mills (Mardela Springs MD) – Stephanie Elliot, Sylvia Bradley
- Whitehall Historical Preservation Society – Helfrich Springs Grist Mill - Jeff Donat, Robert Miller

The meeting adjourned at 1:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judith Grove, Secretary  
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### **Recurring Announcements**

**SPOOM Mid-Atlantic News:** Submit items of interest for our twice yearly newsletters to Acting Editor Bob McLaughlin at [rlm101@verizon.net](mailto:rlm101@verizon.net). Time sensitive information may be submitted at least two weeks ahead of the event to Judy in paragraph form for posting on the SPOOM Mid-Atlantic website or for distribution via Email alerts to our subscribers.

**Mid-Atlantic Chapter Report in *Old Mill News*:** Vice President Adam Sieminski sends a quarterly chapter report. Send information on events of general interest to [adam.sieminski@yahoo.com](mailto:adam.sieminski@yahoo.com) by the first of February, May, August and November deadlines.

**Chapter Member Contact Information:** A few days prior to the event, names of attendees will be sent by Email or snail mail to those who pre-registered. Contact information for individuals may be requested from the secretary when needed.

**Chapter Membership Status:** The official membership list is maintained by Judy Grove, not by the chapter website. To find out if your membership is up-to-date, contact her at 717-741-4366 or [judygrove@verizon.net](mailto:judygrove@verizon.net). Do not go by the [www.spoommidatlantic.org](http://www.spoommidatlantic.org) site because only those who pay memberships online are considered current.

**Website Policy:** Members receive one free posting (60 days) per year for Mill or Mill Items for Sale, Job Openings, or Mill Items Wanted. Paid nonmember postings are no longer available.

## Chapter Meeting Attendees – April 22, 2017

## Attachment A

	First Name	Last Name	City	ST	Milling Connection
1	Laura	Adie	Glen Mills	PA	Newlin Grist Mill, PA
2	Nate	Bond	Fredericksburg	VA	Union Mills - MD
3	Amy	Boyce	Scituate	MA	Restoration Carpenter
4	Daniel	Campbell	West Chester	PA	Preservation Architect
5	Steve	Childers	Wyoming	DE	Abbotts Mill - DE
6	Todd	Eyster	Stewartstown	PA	Wallace Cross Mill PA
7	Marti	Goetz	Tipp City	OH	Behr's Mill - OH
8	Judy	Grove	York	PA	Wallace Cross Mill PA
9	Cheryl	Hemler	Hanover	PA	Hemler Saw Mill PA
10	Robert	Hemler, Jr	Hanover	PA	Hemler Saw Mill PA
11	Dave	Holsten	Elkton	MD	Walnut Grove Mill MD
12	Bonnie	Ingram	Muncy	PA	Sprout Waldron Equipment
13	Galen	Ingram	Muncy	PA	Sprout Waldron Equipment
14	Ray	Kinard	York	PA	Mill research - York PA
15	Bill	Koons	Philadelphia	PA	Springfield Mill - PA
16	Linda	Koons	Philadelphia	PA	Springfield Mill - PA
17	Ivan	Lufriu	Littlestown	PA	Union Mills - MD
18	Marlene	Lufriu	Littlestown	PA	Union Mills - MD
19	Mason	Maddox, Jr.	Bumpass	VA	Colvin Run - VA
20	Robert	McLaughlin	Howard	PA	Union Mills MD
21	James	Munro	Bryn Mawr	PA	Springfield Mill - PA
22	Karen	Peterson	Elkton	MD	Walnut Grove Mill MD
23	Ben	Ranney	Woodward	PA	Shoaff's Mill PA
24	Julie	Ranney	Woodward	PA	Shoaff's Mill PA
25	Craig	Sansonetti	Airville	PA	Muddy Creek Forks - PA
26	Tony	Shahan	Glen Mills	PA	Newlin Grist Mill, PA
27	Adam	Sieminski	Washington	DC	Peirce Mill - Wash DC
28	Laurie	Sieminski	Washington	DC	Peirce Mill - Wash DC
29	Roger	Steyaert	Gerrardstown	WV	Burwell-Morgan - VA
30	Margaret	Sultner	York	PA	Former Sawmill Owner
31	Andrew	Yeske	Doylestown	PA	Stover Myers Mill - PA
32	Charles	Yeske	Doylestown	PA	Stover Myers Mill - PA

**Attachment B**

2017 SPOOM MIDATLANTIC CHAPTER FINANCE REPORT					
Description	April 15	Aug. 15	Dec. 31	YTD	Budget
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	\$ 9,531.60				\$ 6,000.00
<b>INCOME</b>					
<b>4000 Memberships</b>	\$ 795.00				\$ 2,000.00
4010 Cash/Check Payments	\$ 460.00				
4020 Online Membership Payments	\$ 210.00				
4030 Additional Donations	\$ 125.00				
<b>4100 Meeting Registrations</b>	\$ 2,282.00				\$ 19,300.00
<b>4110 Spring Meeting 2017</b>	\$ 2,282.00				\$ 2,000.00
4111 Cash/Check Payments	\$ 1,270.00				
4112 Online Payments	\$ 1,012.00				
<b>4120 Fall Meeting 2017</b>	\$ -				\$ 17,300.00
4121 Cash/Check Payments					
4122 Online Payments					
<b>4200 Miscellaneous</b>	\$ -				\$ 100.00
4210 Ad Sales					
4220 Insurance refund					
<b>Total Receipts</b>	\$ 3,077.00				\$ 21,400.00
<b>Total Receipts and Balance</b>	\$ 12,608.60				\$ 27,400.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
<b>5000 Meeting Expenses</b>	\$ 1,979.00				\$ 20,000.00
5010 Spring Meeting 2017	\$ 1,979.00				\$ 1,000.00
5030 Fall 2017 Meeting					\$ 17,300.00
<b>5100 FACE Websites</b>	\$ 254.70				\$ 550.00
5110 First Quarter	\$ 127.35				
5120 Second Quarter	\$ 127.35				
5130 Third Quarter					
5140 Fourth Quarter					
<b>5200 SPOOM Services</b>					\$ 2,500.00
<b>5300 Mill Project Support</b>	\$ 605.00				\$ 500.00
<b>5400 Office Supplies</b>					\$ 50.00
<b>5500 Credit Card Fees</b>	\$ 61.10				\$ 50.00
<b>5510 Insurance</b>	\$ 205.00				
<b>5520 Miscellaneous</b>					\$ 50.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$ 3,104.80				\$ 23,700.00
<b>Ending Balance</b>	\$ 9,503.80				\$ 3,700.00

## Attachment C Project Report – April 22, 2017 Meeting

07/27/2016 Alicia Bjornson, **Batsto Village, NJ** Historian [batsto.history@comcast.net](mailto:batsto.history@comcast.net)

**Query:** The Saw Mill (damaged in Hurricane Irene, 2011) and Grist mill no longer run. Who could help us prepare a proposal to repair the mills to expand our interpretive programs?

**Response:** Dan Campbell and Charles Yeske could advise on what materials, building components and milling equipment would need since the Stover-Myers Grist and Saw Mills in Bucks County have been recently restored.

10/05/2016 Craig Baum **Monroe City Mill, IL** [craigbaum1@gmail.com](mailto:craigbaum1@gmail.com)

**Query:** Seeking photo of a cottonseed hulling machine (cotton gin) that would have been used in a water mill circa 1814

**Response:** Dan suggested "THE VERSATILE MILLSTONE - WORKHORSE OF MANY INDUSTRIES

01/04/2017 James Chapman [acewoodproducts@yahoo.com](mailto:acewoodproducts@yahoo.com)

**Query:** requesting **list of mills for Morris County, NJ**, especially in Hanover Twp, to track French buhr millstone found on the banks of the Huron River near Ypsilanti, MI that may have been used for the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War; it likely came from a mill out east, via one of the first settlers who was a drummer in the Continental Army;

**Response:** referred to SPOOM website and Mill Lists

01/05/2017 Glen Rock Mill Inn in Glen Rock, PA **Victoria Ribeiro** [victoria@deeprootsmc.com](mailto:victoria@deeprootsmc.com)

**Query :** I'm looking for a photo of a woolen mill as part of the history exhibit in the mill.

**Response:** referred Ray Kinard (York Mill Researcher) who had an article on the Rouse Woolen Mill located in Violet Hill area and pictures of the Codorus Woolen Mill near Glenville and Dan Campbell: The photo of the Juniata Mill which you forwarded is typical of a Woolen Mill that was converted from a Grist Mill. Whether Glen Rock was a carding mill (processing wool into twisted strands), or a Weaving Mill (actually manufacturing items from the wool - such as using water-powered looms), or both, these processes were much more horizontal in nature. If Glen Rock was converted from a Grist Mill to a Woolen Mill, then the exterior would appear very much the same, but the interior workings would be greatly changed. Interior photos of a typical woolen carding or weaving operation might be more appropriate.

01/19/2017 Chris Kiely **Occoquan, VA** [cpkielycua@yahoo.com](mailto:cpkielycua@yahoo.com)

**Query:** Any update on Mr Ron Houghton's request in 2015 minutes to prevent developers from building an edifice between the mansion and the mill site?

**Response:** Ivan Lufriu: the mill at Occoquan has historical significance in that it was perhaps the largest mill of its period, containing seven sets of mill stones. Any efforts to preserve the mill or property should be of National interest, although attempts to preserve the vista from the Mansion will mean a tough battle. Susan Langley: Mr. Houghton is the owner of **Rockledge Mansion**, built in 1758, which overlooks the mill town of **Occoquan, VA**. Since the property is privately owned, assistance is limited, but he should contact Dr. Ethel Eaton of the Virginia Department of Historic Resources. Virginia Dept of Historic Resources ( VDHR) under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

02/15/2017 Harry Muir [hmuirco@mac.com](mailto:hmuirco@mac.com)

**Query:** Seeking small, hand-operated model of the main gearing of a grist-mill for display **Response:** Dan suggested links to video from Mount Vernon explaining the process:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=td0CZYpLgo8>; description of types of gears:

<https://mysite.du.edu/~jcalvert/tech/oldgears.htm> and also contacting Professor Tom Rich at Bucknell University

02/27/2017 Paul Warren [warrenp@gvsu.edu](mailto:warrenp@gvsu.edu)

**Query:** I am seeking the total **number of grain / flour mills in the US, by year**, since 1850 or 1900.

**Response:** John McGrain suggested *American Miller* or *Northwestern Miller* journals available online or at the National Agricultural Library at Beltsville, MD

03/27/2017 Guy Blanchard [blanchardgv@pbworld.com](mailto:blanchardgv@pbworld.com)

**Query:** I am seeking information on the **history of Newlin's Mill** and the development of Brookeville - its transportation networks, and industrial history

**Response:** Dan Campbell suggested SPOOM Mill lists and the Maryland State Archives online.

03/29/2017 Barton Ross & Partners, LLC [Barton@BartonRoss.com](mailto:Barton@BartonRoss.com)

**Query:** I am seeking a millwright to prepare a report with recommendations for restoring a 1750 mill in **Long Valley, NJ** mill to working condition

**Response:** Judy: sent contact information for Ben Hassett and Dan Campbell

03/29/2017 Marc Brun [marc.brun13@gmail.com](mailto:marc.brun13@gmail.com)

**Query:** Does this chapter cover any **mills** or activities **in North Carolina**?

**Response:** referred to SPOOM website and Mill Lists

03/29/2017 Charles (Chuck) Gullage of Musconetcong Watershed 973-701-0439

**Query:** Request for letter of support from chapter for grant funding for restoration of **Asbury Mill in New Jersey** <http://www.musconetcong.org>

**Response:** Adam Sieminski (Peirce Mill) and Dan Campbell (SPOOM MA) sent letters.