

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

**Second Draft 10/31/2009**

**August 15, 2009  
Semiannual Meeting**

Location: Stover-Myers Mill  
400 Dark Hollow Rd  
Pipersville PA 18947

Attendees: See Attachment A

President Bob Lundegard opened the business meeting at 9:00 AM. He thanked our host, Charles Yeske, for arranging the meeting and welcomed attendees. He also expressed regrets on behalf of Harold Rapp, SPOOM president, who was not able to attend this meeting. Tom Rich, engineering professor from Bucknell University and Merritt Neale, owner of Aberdeen Mill were introduced as new members.

Copies of the minutes from the March 28, 2009 meeting at Union Mills in Westminster MD were approved as submitted.

In the absence of the treasurer, Jane Sewell, Ivan Lufriu reported a balance of \$2,630.

Committee Reports

Bob Lundegard forwarded a reminder from Susan Langley, newsletter editor, of the September 15 deadline for the final issue of the year. Articles are sent to [slangley06@comcast.net](mailto:slangley06@comcast.net).

Ivan Lufriu updated the status of mill preservation projects.

- Folcks Mill, located just east of Cumberland MD, is owned by the State Roads Department who will stabilize what remains and clear underbrush. The site has limited access. An archaeological survey is to be completed.
- The Tide Mill at Poplar Grove in Matthews County, VA is the site of our March, 2010 meeting. This rare and historic mill needs repair and support. The community and SPOOM-MA can help through a meeting that provides public visibility and SPOOM-MA guidance. It was featured in a 1982 *Old Mill News* article. The owner, Bernadeen Teague asked to host a chapter meeting to meet the conservation easement requirement to be open to the public one day per year.
- Merritt Neale is the owner of Aberdeen Mill [www.aberdeenmills.com](http://www.aberdeenmills.com) in Lancaster County, the site of our August 2010 meeting. Repairs are needed and Mr. Neale is enthusiastic about hosting a meeting to seek guidance and to link to our community.

Bob Lundegard explained that each SPOOM chapter is a committee of the national board. As such, chapter members are encouraged to join the national chapter and also to forward names of interested potential members to Bob at [Boblund@Verizon.net](mailto:Boblund@Verizon.net). Through the "Every Member Gets a Member" SPOOM membership growth initiative he will send them a copy of Old Mill News along with a membership form.

A report on the *Mid-Atlantic Milling Celebration* was tabled till the round table discussion time scheduled after the business meeting. That report is Attachment B.

Vice President Robert McLaughlin reported his deadline of November 1 to submit a chapter report to be included in the January edition of *Old Mill News* and also posted on the SPOOM website. Officers and members are encouraged to submit information profitable for a wider audience to him at [Rlm101@verizon.net](mailto:Rlm101@verizon.net) by then.

## New Business

The schedule for future meetings is as follows:

1. March 27, 2010: the Poplar Grove Tide Mill and the Mathews County Historical Society. Mathews Co. VA is on the Chesapeake Bay, three hours drive from Washington. On the way there are interesting sites at Stratford Hall Plantation and mill and the Reedsville, VA Maritime Museum.
2. August 2010: Aberdeen Mills, Merritt Neale is the new owner of this museum/park property.
3. April 2011: Peirce Mill, Richard Abbott and the Friends of Peirce Mill. The newly restored mill will be described and demonstrated.
4. August 2011: Colvin Run Mill and the Friends of Colvin Run Mill (CRM). This will be a prelude to the 2011 SPOOM national meeting at CRM.

Bob Lundegard is preparing items for a potential new chapter website. The free working prototype is found at [www.penguinsites.com/mid-atlantic](http://www.penguinsites.com/mid-atlantic) . The site can include an archive of Mid-Atlantic SPOOM history and documents, photo gallery (Steve Springs), news items, links to related sites, membership lists and other administrative functions. The annual cost would be \$400 to \$500 per year. Ten sponsors at \$50 per year with free advertising would cover the cost. Bob Vitale, SPOOM webmaster, has approved the prototype. A decision on the future of the website will be made at the March 2010 meeting.

SPOOM-MA member sites are invited to send brochures (50) to Marge Lundegard for the chapter table at the national convention in Oregon.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Grove, secretary

**Chapter Meeting Attendees, March 28, 2009**

Attachment A

<u>Name</u>	<u>Mill</u>
1. Judy Grove	Wallace Cross Mill, PA
2. Merritt Neale	Aberdeen Mill, PA
3. Bob Stanley	Aberdeen Mill, PA
4. Shriver Foster	Union Mills, MD
5. Bob Froehlich	Evans-Mumbower Mill, PA
6. Kirk Horstman	Evans-Mumbower Mill, PA
7. Bob McLaughlin	Union Mills, MD
8. Laurie Sieminski	Peirce Mill
9. Adam Sieminski	Peirce Mill
10. Eugene Gerhart	NA
11. Joe Donahue	Springfield Mill
12. Rosemarie Donahue	Springfield Mill
13. Barry Jeffries	Springfield Mill
14. Bob Gutowski	Springfield Mill
15. Earle Brown - presenter	Vienna, VA
16. Ruth Brown	Vienna, VA
17. Nick Yannarell	Colvin Run Mill, VA
18. Bob Lundegard	Colvin Run Mill, VA
19. Marge Lundegard	Colvin Run Mill, VA
20. Steve Spring	Colvin Run Mill, VA
21. Jeff Donat	Allentown, PA
22. Bobby Miller	Whitehall, PA
23. Ivan Lufriu	Union Mills, MD
24. Marlene LuFriu	Union Mills, MD
25. Chris Gillis	NA
26. Bob McLaughlin	NA
27. Michael Gillis	NA
28. Dick Peeling	Union Mills, MD
29. Tom Rich	Bucknell University, PA
30. Charles Yeske - host	Stover-Myers Mill, PA

New information from this meeting is in italics. For coherency, some information from the previous report is included in regular type.

Scope of the Project: The long term goal of the project is to assemble and make available a database of historical information on the industrial heritage of mills in the Mid-Atlantic region. The short term goal is to prepare workshops, DVD, displays and other educational materials for the National SPOOM convention to be held at Colvin Run in September, 2011 to mark their 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The focus of these educational displays will be the burgeoning of the wheat and flour production in the mid-Atlantic area from 1760 to 1860.

Name: *Discussion on possible names for the project continued. Flour Power was mentioned. The final title will be decided at the March meeting.*

Research: *A map of the Mid-Atlantic region that includes the transportation network of canals, waterways and roads and mills, especially industrial ones, is the main thrust at this point. The 1840 census and 1890 Bicentennial Atlas were suggested as sources. A potential compiler for each of the four major watersheds was suggested: Susquehanna (Earl Brown), Potomac (Mason Maddox), Delaware (Kirk Horst), and James River (Judy Michelson of the Fluvana Historical Society). Marge Lundegard and Marlene Lufalui volunteered to locate, identify, and collect DVD's covering mid-Atlantic mill and milling history as source material for a video presentation at the 2011 SPOOM meeting. Bob Lundegard will contact Earl Brown (Susquehanna Valley), Brooke Hunter (Delaware), John McGrain (Baltimore), and others as potential workshop presenters for 2011. This information will form the basis for the educational materials and workshops that will be prepared for 2011. This information will be collected and catalogued to make it accessible to members, possibly through the new webpage.*

Funding: The Founders Fund of SPOOM, grant money through National and State Historical and Museum Commissions, registration fees for the 2011 SPOOM Meeting at Colvin Run, and individual donors were suggested. *Judy Grove prepared a description to be used with potential donors. Bob Lundegard will approach SPOOM for a \$2,000 start-up grant to cover workshop speakers and the map project. Susan Langley will contact the MD HMC.*

Archives: *Lance Braun, TIMS-A archivist, agreed to index SPOOM MA materials. He will be asked for a suggested template for bibliographical sources. Newlin Mills appears to be the best destination for SPOOM MA archival materials. A final decision will be made later.*

SPOOM 2011 Workshops: Earl Brown, Brooke Hunter and John McGrain will be asked to present paper/s on their area of expertise. *Steve Bayshore of Mount Vernon will also be contacted.* Another possible workshop would be a generalized overview of Flour Milling in the Mid-Atlantic Region.

Flour Explosion DVD: *A video or one-hour program for public access TV have been suggested. Mike Dolan has produced video clips for Peirce Mill; these can be viewed on their website. The goal is to make this program available by the 2011 SPOOM conference for a nominal cost.*

Next Steps: *At the March meeting, progress to date on research and funding will be shared and volunteers will be recruited to prepare the educational resources and begin support for National Milling Day and possible Oliver Evans stamp.*