

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

**March 28, 2009
Semiannual Meeting**

**Location: Union Mills
3311 Littlestown Pike
Westminster MD 21158**

Attendees: See Attachment A

President Bob Lundegard opened the business meeting at 9:00 AM. He thanked Ivan and Marlene Lufriu and the other Union Mills hosts for arranging the meeting and welcomed attendees and introduced new officers. Other attendees identified themselves and their mill associations.

The following board members were elected on a motion by Bob McLaughlin, seconded by Ken Faulstich, and carried by unanimous vote: Chuck Ives, Ivan Lufriu, Marlene Lufriu, Nick Yannarell, and Charles Yeske.

Copies of the minutes from the last meeting at the Agricultural & Industrial Museum in York, PA on August 9, 2008, were approved as submitted on a motion by Richard Abbot, seconded by Tom Graham. Motion carried.

The treasurer, Jane Sewell reported a balance of \$2,339 prior to the meeting. Additional memberships and meeting fees received today were not included in that total.

Ivan Lufriu served as the Mid-Atlantic Chapter representative to the SPOOM Board Meeting held via teleconference on February 8, 2009. His report is Attachment B.

Susan Langley, editor, proposed three annual publications of the SPOOM MA newsletter with deadlines as follows: April 24 for events up to July 31; July 24 for events to the end of September; and September 21 for the rest of the year. Articles should be sent to slangley06@comcast.net. The newsletter will be posted within a week of each deadline.

Bob Lundegard reported on the "Every Member Gets a Member" SPOOM membership growth initiative which he promotes in every issue of Old Mill News. Members are reminded to distribute extra copies of previous OMN issues to libraries and other local sites and to prospective members along with membership forms. Complimentary cross promotion in publications of related organizations has been suggested.

In the discussion following Bob's report, Mason Maddox agreed to use his TIMS and SPOOM-MA distribution list to mail a reproducible form for both national and chapter SPOOM membership. Members are encouraged to display these forms at local sites. Addresses for possible national and regional cross promotion in related organizations may be submitted to Bob Lundegard at Boblund@Verizon.net. The suggestion was made to match reciprocal advertising at the respective levels – national, region or state, and local. For example, SPOOM's Old Mill News and the TIMS Journal would cross-advertise in their magazines at the national level; local mills might promote nearby sites with links on their websites or brochures in display racks.

Bob Lundegard encouraged member mills to publicize events on the SPOOM MA website and newsletter. He challenged our chapter to take the initiative to communicate with other chapters. Mason reminded members to send information to him to be circulated via his E-mail distribution list for SPOOM and TIMS. Tom Graham mentioned an online event clearing house for mill activities to help sponsors publicize events. He will find contact information on this.

Judy Grove reported that Bob Lundegard, chair of the Research subcommittee of Mid-Atlantic Milling Bi-Centennial Committee, has requested bibliographical source materials from several experts in the field with little response to date. Remaining committee work was postponed until the Round Table Discussion to follow the close of this meeting.

Bob Lundegard as outgoing vice president summarized his final Mid-Atlantic Chapter Report to Old Mill News (Attachment C). Then incoming vice president, Bob McLaughlin, reported that his deadlines for submitting Mid-Atlantic Chapter news to OMN are the first of February, May, August, and November. Members are encouraged to submit information profitable for a wider audience to him at Rlm101@verizon.net by those dates.

Ivan Lufriu presented a report and picture display on the status of ongoing mill preservation activities at Sickman's Mill in Conestoga, Pa; Tide Mill at Poplar Grove in Matthews County, VA, and Thomas Family Mill in Charlottesville, VA . He just received a request from and will be in contact with the Civil War Roundtable about Folcks Mill, a 19th century grist mill that was damaged in a civil war battle known as "the Battle of Folcks Mill". The mill is located just east of Cumberland MD.

Bob Lundegard expressed regrets on behalf of Charles Yeske, host of the August 15 Meeting at Stover-Myers Mill at 400 Dark Hollow Road, Pipersville PA 18947 in Bucks County. The one-day meeting will include a business meeting, a talk by Earl Brown on the Worldwide Flour Trade, box lunch, site exploration and the Mercer Museum in Doylestown. The Mercer holds American's best collection of pre-industrial tools and artifacts, including many mill-related items.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 for the Roundtable Discussion on the upcoming Bicentennial of Milling project. (Attachment D)

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Grove, secretary