

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

**April 18, 2015
Semiannual Meeting**

Location: Union County Mills
Hampton Inn
Lewisburg PA

Attendees: See Attachment A

President Bob McLaughlin opened the business meeting shortly after noon. Tom Rich and Bill and Sharon Lynch, our hosts from Union County Historical Society, were introduced. Since their mills comprise two counties, Bob presented a map of Union County mills to Tom and one of Snyder County to the Lynches as a thank you for hosting the meeting.

Minutes of the August 2014 meeting hosted by Breneman Turner Mill in Harrisonburg VA were approved as distributed. The balance in the treasury is 10,213.86. See Attachment B for a detailed report.

As of April 15, 2015 memberships include 42 chapter/SPOOM (\$10), 5 non-SPOOM members (\$15), 15 sustaining memberships (\$25), and 10 organizational memberships (\$50) paid in 2015. Five additional organizational memberships are still in effect, since these run for 12 months rather than on the calendar year. This gives a total of 77 memberships in good standing.

Our website www.spoommidatlantic.org continues to reach new people as well as providing a convenient method for making online payments and contacting members and interested subscribers with current news. A new page for posting news items would attract additional hits, but a manager would be needed. (Following the meeting, Beth deFrancis Sun offered to write a blog since she has done so in the past. She will contact Face Websites about adding this to our site.)

Project Report: Ivan Lufriu

- **Fall 2014.** One of our chapter members, Karen Peterson, visited a mill in England and sent a photo of her visit.
- **Nov 17, 2014.** A request from Ron Morton, who with his father, is restoring an 1826 mill in Tennessee. Ron's question was about getting advice and grants. Several of our members responded; and he was urged to contact Ben Hassett or John Lovett.
- **Dec 20, 2014.** Communication with Bill Leavens from Asbury Mill in New Jersey. The mill is undergoing restoration, and they were looking for recommendations on certain aspects. I visited in January and was given a steel augur, about 8 feet long. Asbury Mill received grant approval in September 2014.
- **Dec 31, 2014.** Lanny Ottosen was looking for assistance from SPOOM in assessing the remains of an old mill in Texas to determine the type of mill and horsepower generated. The request was forwarded to John Lovett.
- **Winter 2015.** A local Maryland mill was featured on the cover of Old Mill News. The McGinnis Mill is in Carroll County MD and the photo was by John McGrain.
- **Jan 5, 2015.** A request from Tanya Meadows, Director of Marketing at the American Windpower Center in Lubbock TX looking for SPOOM approval to use some of the information in one of its books, The Versatile Millstone. Approval was given; with a request the Wind Power Center consider hosting a conference at some future time. Brochure is available.
- **Jan 21, 2015.** The Clark County VA Historical Association is looking to hire a Mill Manager to manage the operations of Burwell-Morgan Mill. A list of requirements was given. (See Ivan if interested.)
- **Jan 25, 2015.** Otterdale Mill in Carroll County MD has equipment to sell. Jock McClees can be contacted at 443-994-6025 for more information.

- **Feb 4, 2014.** Request from Ken Weaver about clarification about the requirement for fencing around flume or raceway. A very good perspective from Dan Campbell was given about legal requirements. Some municipalities may require fencing; others may not give it any thought. The bottom line is safety of your visitors.
- **Feb 17, 2015.** Deane Blazie is attempting to restore a mill race in Mill Green MD. In conflict with local authorities, Deane is seeking legal advice. I responded, as well as Dan Campbell.
- **May 13-16, 2015.** We have some association with other organizations that share similar interests. One of these is the Early American Industries Association (EAIA), and they will be having their annual conference in Quebec City May 13-16. There will be local tours, lectures, tool exchanges and display, and a silent auction. The theme for this year's conference is *Tools that Fit in your Pocket*. Cost for the tour is \$215. See Ivan for more details. (NOTE: A similar organization is the Tidewater Institute whose website is <http://www.tidemillinstitute.org/index.html>.)
- **Nov 4-8, 2015** SPOOM National Meeting will be held in California with Bales Mill as host. Details will be available soon.

Old Business

SPOOM Chapter Status: Bob McLaughlin reported on the teleconference with SPOOM Board members and chapter presidents. Two of the four active chapters need to secure an EIN number. Once this is completed, SPOOM will adopt the chapters under their umbrella for the purpose of 501(c)(3) tax exempt status. SPOOM will bear the expense for this process. Discussion about our chapter providing a gift to SPOOM to cover expenses (such as archives, 501(c)(3) status, etc.) borne by the national organization for the benefit of the chapters will be deferred till the August meeting.

Mill Mapping Project: Bob McLaughlin used Google Fusion Tables to list mills in the Mid-Atlantic Region. The website and navigation instructions are Attachment C. For now, Bob is the only person who can input data, so send any updates to him at rlm101@verizon.net.

Work Days: We received a request about possibly promoting work days at local sites. A project offered the day before or after a meeting was suggested. Concerns were expressed about liability coverage and whether the scope of work would fall within the capability of potential volunteers. At present, the major service of our organization has been advice and contacts for technical experience. The consensus was to respond to requests for this kind of assistance with a detailed description of the intended project and work dates which would be distributed to our subscribers and members to determine if there is sufficient interest to proceed.

New Business

Fall 2015 Meeting at Havre de Grace MD for August 20, 21 and 22 will be coordinated by Dan Campbell. Pending construction status, Rock Run Mill in Susquehanna State Park MD and Perry Point Mill in Perryville, MD will be included. Non-operating mills and other sites to visit: a lighthouse, a canal lockhouse, a tavern at the old ferry crossing, an iron forge (iron-master's house still intact), etc. Jerusalem Mills is a village of attractions including a reconstructed wood-framed mill, at the southern end of our target area (Harford County). David Rudolph was suggested as an additional contact.

Upcoming Chapter Meetings: St Vincent's Gristmill and Springfield Mills (Bill and Linda Koons) in Morris Arboretum, Philadelphia PA were suggested as 2016 Meeting Sites.

The meeting adjourned about 12:45.

Respectfully submitted,
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Chapter Meeting Attendees – April 18, 2015**Attachment A**

#	First Name	Last Name	Location
1	Nate	Bond	Fredericksburg VA
2	Dave	Bronson	Benton PA
3	Linda	Bronson	Benton PA
4	Daniel	Campbell	West Chester PA
5	Beth	DeFrancis Sun	Arlington VA
6	Judy	Grove	York PA
7	Bonnie	Ingram	Muncy PA
8	Galen	Ingram	Muncy PA
9	Ray	Kinard	York PA
10	Terry	Koller	York PA
11	Susan	Langley	Annapolis MD
12	Ivan	Lufriu	Littlestown PA
13	Marlene	Lufriu	Littlestown PA
14	Bill	Lynch	Lewistown PA
15	Sharon	Lynch	Lewistown PA
16	Bob	McLaughlin	Howard PA
17	Megan	Orient	State College PA
18	Ben	Ranney	Woodward PA
19	Tom	Rich	Lewistown PA
20	Charles	Yeske	Doylestown PA

Attachment B

2015 SPOOM MIDATLANTIC CHAPTER FINANCE REPORT					
Description	April 15	Aug. 15	Dec. 31	YTD	Budget
Beginning Balance	\$ 7,974.01	\$ 10,213.86			\$ 6,000.00
INCOME					
4000 Memberships	\$ 885.00	\$ -		\$ 885.00	\$ 2,000.00
4010 Cash/Check Payments	\$ 730.00			\$ 730.00	
4020 Online Payments	\$ 155.00			\$ 155.00	
4030 Additional Donations					
4100 Meeting Registrations	\$ 1,755.00	\$ 270.00		\$ 2,025.00	\$ 2,000.00
4110 Spring Meeting 2015	\$ 1,755.00	\$ 270.00		\$ 2,025.00	\$ 1,000.00
4111 Cash/Check Payments	\$ 1,170.00	\$ 270.00		\$ 1,440.00	
4112 Online Payments	\$ 585.00			\$ 585.00	
4120 Fall Meeting 2015	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
4121 Cash/Check Payments				\$ -	
4122 Online Payments				\$ -	
4200 Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 100.00
4210 Ad Sales				\$ -	
4220				\$ -	
Total Receipts	\$ 2,640.00	\$ 270.00		\$ 2,910.00	\$ 4,100.00
Total Receipts and Balance	\$ 10,614.01	\$ 10,483.86		\$ 11,559.61	\$ 10,100.00
EXPENSES					
5000 Meeting Expenses	\$ 226.00	\$ 1,706.90		\$ 1,932.90	\$ 2,000.00
5010 Spring Meeting 2015	\$ 226.00	\$ 1,706.90		\$ 1,932.90	\$ 1,000.00
5020 Fall Meeting 2015				\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
5100 FACE Websites	\$ 127.35	\$ 127.35		\$ 254.70	\$ 550.00
5110 First Quarter	\$ 127.35			\$ 127.35	
5120 Second Quarter		\$ 127.35		\$ 127.35	
5130 Third Quarter				\$ -	
5140 Fourth Quarter				\$ -	
5200 SPOOM Services				\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
5300 Mill Project Support				\$ -	\$ 500.00
5400 Office Supplies	\$ 9.80			\$ 9.80	\$ 50.00
5500 Credit Card Fees	\$ 37.00			\$ 37.00	\$ 50.00
5500 Miscellaneous				\$ -	\$ 50.00
Total Expenses	\$ 400.15	\$ 1,834.25		\$ 2,234.40	\$ 5,700.00
Ending Balance	\$ 10,213.86	\$ 8,649.61			\$ 4,400.00

NOTE: Column one contains the finance report as of the meeting date showing a balance of \$10,213.86. The second column contains transactions since that date, including payment of remaining meeting expenses, but not including an additional \$135 in meeting registrations which were paid online and not yet processed.

Attachment C Navigating the Google Fusion Tables and Map of Mid-Atlantic Mills

<https://www.google.com/fusiontables/DataSource?docid=1O5BG5OyeVhEYdPCYcTq322akQBmU005FLz-72R-7#map:id=3>

- Navigation buttons are located along the left edge of the map.
 - The circle with arrows pans the map right, left or up, down. Or you can click and hold the left mouse button on the map and move the map with the mouse.
 - The orange figurine allows you to see a street level view on the map. Click on it and drag it to a location on the map. The roads that have views will be highlighted in blue. To exit the picture, click on the x in the upper right corner of the picture.
 - The slider bar allows you to zoom in and out.
 - To zoom in, click on the + sign at the top.
 - To zoom out, click on the – sign at the bottom.
 - Or use the slider, up to zoom in and down to zoom out. Click and hold the left mouse button on the slider icon and move the slider up or down.
- To filter, click on the Blue box above the upper left corner of the map and click on a category to sort by.
- Check (by clicking) on a value in the box that appears on the left. To cancel the filter, uncheck the box by clicking on it. You can sort on multiple values and categories. To close the filter window click on the left arrow in the upper right corner of the filter window.
- To get a list, click on the tab “List of mill locations”. This will show a table of all the data. This can be filtered also.
- The red dots are sites, green dots are existing and yellow dots are open to public.
- To get the information on a mill, move the cursor over the dot for the mill you are interested in, the hand will change to a hand with index finger extended, click the left mouse button and a window with the information will appear.

Attachment D Other Announcements

SPOOM Mid-Atlantic News: Submit items of interest for our newsletter to editor Megan Orient at meganorient@gmail.com. Newsletters will be published twice a year, following our meetings. 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. Pictures may be sent to Jean Sansonetti at sansonet@erols.com.

Mid-Atlantic Chapter Report in *Old Mill News*: Vice President Dan Campbell sends a quarterly chapter report. Send information on events of general interest to campbelldt@verizon.net 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 to those who pre-registered. Contact information for individuals may be requested from the secretary when needed. Information related to milling topics or events may be submitted to the secretary for distribution via Email alerts upon approval by the board.