

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

**August 24, 2013
Semiannual Meeting**

Location: Kemps Mill
11244 Kemps Mill Rd
Williamsport MD 21795

Attendees: See Attachment A

President Bob McLaughlin opened the business meeting at 9:30 AM. Minutes of the April 2013 meeting hosted by Little Buffalo State Park in Newport PA were approved as distributed. The balance in the treasury is \$6,816.16. This amount reflects total deposits of \$1997.50 and total expenses of \$1635.40 (\$359.55 to Face Websites, \$1257.45 for April meeting expenses and \$18.40 to Judy Grove for postage).

As of August 24, 2013 memberships include 61 chapter/SPOOM (\$10), 6 non-SPOOM members (\$15), 2 honorary memberships, 17 sustaining memberships (\$25), and 9 organizational memberships (\$50) paid in 2013. One additional organizational membership is still in effect, since these run for 12 months rather than on the calendar year.

Project Report: Ivan Lufriu (See Attachment B)

York Mill Map Project: Judy reported that there has been little progress on the addition of York County mills to the database. The project will be referred to new leadership. Terry Koller presented his data on the Little Conewago Creek to Steve Spring for updating the SPOOM list.

Online Millsite Application: Bob Lundegard reported that Friends of Colvin Run Mill and Northern VA Community College continue to work on the Potomac/Shenandoah watersheds (300-400 mills). FOCRMs pay the annual fee (\$30) for Amazon to host the site. Ken Weaver is gathering information for his county. Other counties interested in adding information are cautioned to start with the mills they have rather than being overwhelmed by what is missing. Once their data was entered, Fairfax County produced a printed Civil War era county map showing the mills. Once the information is published, viewers will add information that is missing. The possibility of developing an APP that will allow this site to be viewed on a Smart Phone was suggested.

Mid-Atlantic Milling Days: In 2013, participating mills reported that publicity did not greatly increase attendance, but did attract more focused visitors. For 2014, June will be designated as Mid-Atlantic Milling Month so host sites can select their own date to celebrate while focusing on milling in general rather than just Oliver Evans. Print-ready dates announcing individual events may be sent to judygrove@verizon.net for posting on the website www.spoommidatlantic.org. Judy will forward these to Steve Spring for posting on Historic Mills Facebook page. Sample publicity materials are on the website.

SPOOM Mid-Atlantic Newsletter: The deadline for the next issue is October 1. A reminder and call for articles will be sent a month in advance. The position of editor is open. If interested or to submit articles, contact Bob McLaughlin RLM101@verizon.net. Newsletters will likely only be published twice a year. Time sensitive information may be submitted at least two weeks ahead of the event to Judy in paragraph form for posting on the website.

Pasto Agricultural Museum Project: Bob McLaughlin attended 2013 Ag Progress Days. Over 6000 attended the three day event. Our display included a hand-operated grain mill and a beehive oven cooking muffins. Planned photographs were not displayed due to printing issues. Bob handed out SPOOM rack cards. Milling equipment for a permanent display is still being sought. The museum is open after home football games and for groups by appointment.

SPOOM Chapter Status: Bob McLaughlin reported that the status of chapters under SPOOM is still in flux. Major concerns are 501C3 status and liability coverage. A September conference call board meeting by SPOOM is planned to discuss this. Meanwhile, the president will appoint a committee (Jon Joyce, Craig Sansonetti and Judd Bankert) to pursue the ideas presented at this chapter meeting and make recommendations at our next meeting. Incorporation to provide liability protection for officers, application for a federal tax ID number, and the purchase of event liability insurance for our two annual meetings were suggested.

Upcoming Chapter Meetings:

- **April 4-5, 2014 Colvin Run Mill in Great Falls VA** Friday will feature a tour and lunch at Mount Vernon. Saturday will include the meeting, a talk by Jon Joyce on how to restore an old mill without being a millionaire, lunch, and a visit to the Joyce's Lockes Mill in Berryville VA.
- **October 3-5, 2014 Brenneman Turner Mill near Harrisonburg VA** (contact: Ken Weaver) is the only surviving grist mill in Rockingham County VA which is fully equipped. On October 6, 1864 Union soldiers set it on fire during General Sheridan's attempt to destroy the 'Breadbasket of the Confederacy'. This will be reenacted as part of the Civil War Sesquicentennial. For more info on the Mill, check our web site at www.vbmhc.org/btmill
- **St Vincent Gristmill in Latrobe PA and Union County Mills PA** with Tom Rich were requested as potential hosts for 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Grove, Secretary

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Other Announcements

Mid-Atlantic Chapter Report in *Old Mill News*: Vice President Jon Joyce sends a quarterly chapter report. Send information on events of general interest to jonjoyce@msn.com by the first of February, May, August and November deadlines. Pictures may be sent to Steve Spring at millfoto@aol.com.

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.

Chapter Meeting Attendees – August 24, 2013

Attachment A

1. Judy Grove Dover PA
2. Richard Nye (Kemps Mill-host) Williamsport MD
3. Beth DeFrancis Sun Arlington VA
4. Roger Felix Johnstown PA
5. Ted Suman Easton MD
6. Barb Suman Easton MD
7. Bob Lundegard Great Falls VA
8. Marjorie Lundegard Great Falls VA
9. Steve Spring Sterling VA
10. Marty Drinan Newark DE
11. Carol Joyce Berryville VA
12. Jean Sansonetti Gaithersburg MD
13. Craig Sansonetti Gaithersburg MD
14. Dan Campbell West Chester PA
15. Marlene Lufriu Littlestown PA
16. Ivan Lufriu Littlestown PA
17. Ken Weaver Harrisonburg VA
18. Nick Yannarell Springfield VA
19. Jon Joyce Berryville VA
20. Mason Maddox Bumpass VA
21. Terry “Cotton” Koller York PA
22. Bruce Gilbert Springfield VA
23. Nate Bond Fredericksburg VA
24. Judd Bankert Staunton VA
25. Dabney Bankert Staunton VA
26. Diane McLaughlin Howard PA
27. Steve Golobic Fairfax VA
28. Robert McLaughlin Howard PA

Project Report

Attachment B

April 29, Lila Steele, Looking for someone to jack up a house to pour a new foundation. Referred to Stephanie Elliott in Mardela Springs.

May 17, Realtor looking for someone to place a value on an old mill in Winchester VA.

May 29, a freelance writer in Ohio seeking information on the history of millstones for a gardening article. Sent her a copy of "Versatile Millstone"

June 11, wondered if we had any interest in helping to preserve an old mill in NJ now being used as an antique shop. No response

June 13, Judd and Dabney Bankert bought a mill in Highland County VA built in 1816. Wish to dispose of mill equipment and turn the building into a vacation home. (NOTE: After attending this event they decided they may be retaining more of the equipment for use in their home.)

June 20, DNREC in Delaware want to give away Hearn and Rawlings Mill in Seaford. DNREC is rebuilding the race and shoring-up the mill. No response so far.

June 21, Individual has mill photos to sell. No response.

August 2, Owner of a mill in Columbia PA seeking information about a covered mill race arch. He was referred to Ben Hassett (by Judy). Dan Campbell also sent a response.

August 9, Owner of a mill in Shermansdale PA wishes to donate mill to local historical society. Does SPOOM wish to partner with Historical Society to save the mill? No response yet.