

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

**October 2, 2023
Board of Directors Meeting**

Directors present: Dan Campbell (President), Bob McLaughlin (Past President), Judy Grove (Treasurer), Craig Sansonetti (Secretary), Steve Childers, Angela Kramer, Charles Yeske

The required quorum of 5 directors was in attendance, and the meeting was called to order at 9:06 pm by President Dan Campbell.

Minutes of the April 22, 2022 semiannual meeting held at Pierce Mill were distributed by e-mail prior to the meeting. Judy Grove noted that the Finance report incorrectly stated that the chapter is committed to a \$1,000 contribution to the SPOOM Grant Program in 2023. The chapter is actually committed to a \$2,000 contribution if suitable proposals are received in 2023. Charles Yeske moved that the minutes as corrected be approved. The motion was seconded by Angela Kramer and adopted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: The Finance and Membership Reports as of September 30, 2023 are attached to these minutes. Not reflected in the Finance Report are approximately \$1,500 in fall meeting payments outstanding. Total membership is up by 12 since the spring chapter meeting.

Website: Issues with PayPal meeting registration payments have been resolved. We were getting registrations online but not payment through PayPal because people did not click through to the next screen to use PayPal to submit payment.

Project Reports:

- Steve Dryden of Pierce Mill is making a map poster of mills in the mid-Atlantic region that are grinding and selling product.
- The chapter has been approached for help by a couple who have bought Woodson's Mill in the Shenandoah Valley and wish to restore it. It was suggested we put them in contact with Wade's Mill in Lexington, VA.
- There has also been contact with George Radcliffe of Spocott Mill, a reconstructed wind mill on the Delmarva Peninsula with several other historic buildings on the site.

Old Business

Incorporation Status: Judy Grove reported that Form 1023 and required accompanying documents were submitted to the IRS with payment of \$600 on September 1, 2023. Anticipated response time can be up to 6 months. Jerry Schaefer's help was invaluable.

SPOOM Mid-Atlantic Grants: Our \$2000 will be paid when requested by SPOOM

Mid-Atlantic Grain Fair: The Mid-Atlantic Grain Fair, hosted by the Common Grain Alliance and Friends of Pierce Mill, will be held October 22-23. The chapter will have a table and Steve Childers will represent us. Judy Grove designed our postcard with printed copies sent to Steve (100 for \$42 printing & shipping). She will also make up a SPOOM-MA membership form for him to have at the conference. Dan Campbell will provide some copies of Old Mill News for display.

Election of Officers: The current SPOOM-MA officers and directors with years in which their terms of office end is as follows. Replacements will need to be elected at the fall chapter meeting for those whose terms expire or who are resigning.

- Dan Campbell, President (2024)
- Susan Langley, Vice President (2024) – resigning
- Craig Sansonetti, Secretary (2023) – Running for re-election
- Judith Grove, Treasurer and Webmaster (2023) - Running for Re-election
- Robert McLaughlin, Past President, no election needed.
- Steve Childers, Board Member (2024)
- Angela Kramer, Board Member (2024)
- Charles Yeske, Board Member (2023) – Running for reelection
- Megan Orient, Board Member (2023) – Need person to run in her place
- Newsletter Editor is appointed; a board member only if serving as officer or director

Per the chapter bylaws, "Officers and Directors at Large shall be elected for a period of two (2) years. The President, Vice President and two (2) Directors at large shall be elected in the even years and the Secretary, Treasurer and two (2) Directors shall be elected in the odd years at a meeting of the members. Officers and Directors shall be elected by a majority of the members present. The time and place of the meeting shall be determined by the Board of Directors and members shall be notified at least thirty (30) days in advance. The elected officials' terms shall begin on the 1st of January following the election."

At this time we need nominees for Vice-President and at least one other director. A number of individuals were discussed as possible nominees. The desirability of trying to find some younger members to serve in leadership was discussed. Judy Grove noted knowledge and ability to bring in new people were desirable characteristics in Board members. A newsletter editor will also be needed, as Susan Langley will not be able to continue in this position.

New Business

Board versus Membership Meeting: To meet corporation requirements, board meetings must list attending members for quorum and report this in minutes. Non-board members may have voice but not make motions or vote. Judy Grove suggested either holding board meetings (by Zoom where feasible) prior to our chapter events or else at the events, In the latter case we could call the board meeting to order to address any specifically board business, explaining that members could have a voice but no vote on Board business. Then adjourn the Board meeting and immediately following, hold the membership meeting as required for elections or the dissemination of information. Judy prefers this second alternative and Dan Campbell also supported this approach.

Future Meeting Dates and Sites:

- **Spring 2024** – Centre County, PA (Bob McLaughlin) May 9-11. NAMA, Curtin Iron Works, a seminar on Roller Mills by Craig Sansonetti, a display of flour bags and milling manuals and have identified a possible caterer and hotel. will check some more
- **Fall 2024** – Adam Thomas of Shepherd's Mill, Shepherdstown WV and Locke's Mill, Berryville, VA

- **2025 SPOOM Mid-Atlantic 20th Anniversary** – How/where do we celebrate? It was agreed that how to mark the anniversary should be brainstormed at the fall chapter meeting.
- Other possible sites for future meetings: Dan Campbell is in touch with Waterford Mill, a recently restored static mill in Loudon County, VA. He also suggested that it might be good to revisit the northern Shenandoah Valley. Judy Grove suggested that we go back to Union County to Grove's Mill, a historic mill still grinding feeds commercially. This could tie in with information about Sprout Waldron from Galen Ingram.

Adjournment: Bob McLaughlin moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Steve Childers and adopted unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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2023 SPOOM Mid-Atlantic Year-to-Date Finance Report

STARTING BALANCE 1/1/2023	\$ 13,078.61
INCOME	
10 Membership Income	\$ 980.00
20 Donations	\$ 50.00
30 Spring Meeting Payments	\$ 1,973.00
40 Fall Meeting Registrations	\$ 2,026.52
50 Other Income	\$ -
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 5,029.52
INCOME PLUS STARTING BALANCE	\$ 18,108.13
EXPENSES	
35 Spring Meeting Expenses	\$ 2,137.88
45 Fall Meeting Expenses	\$ 725.00
55 Mill and SPOOM Project Suppc	\$ -
65 Website Costs	\$ 503.55
75 PayPal Fees	\$ 99.58
85 Other Exp (Insurance \$300)	\$ 349.91
95 Postage	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 3,815.92
ENDING BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE 9/30/2023	\$ 14,292.21
PAYPAL ACCOUNT BALANCE	
TOTAL SPOOM MA CASH ASSETS	\$ 14,292.21

MEMBERSHIP TYPES	Year 2023
\$10 Discount Memberships	33
\$15 Basic Memberships	11
\$25 Sustaining Memberships	24
\$50 Organizational Members	14
TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS	82