

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

**October 7, 2023
Membership Meeting**

Location: Wagner Mill, Hellertown Historical Society, Hellertown, PA

Attendees: See Attachment A

President Dan Campbell called the meeting to order at 12:37 P.M.

Judy Grove clarified the distinction between Board versus Membership Meetings as required in our bylaws. Board meetings are held two times per year and motions and votes are limited to officers and directors of the board. Non-board members may attend and provide input but not vote. Membership meetings are required as needed to elect officers and approve amendments to bylaws. Anyone may attend these meetings but motions and voting are limited to chapter members in good standing. For most future chapter events, the board will meet with members present to conduct any specific board items and then adjourn. When necessary to complete official business, a membership meeting will be held immediately following. At times, as for this meeting, the board may choose to meet prior to the biannual meetings as warranted.

Minutes of the April 22, 2022 meeting were approved with these corrections. The chapter will award a \$2000 grant to the recipient(s) from the Mid-Atlantic Chapter selected by the SPOOM grant committee for 2023. Typically, the grant would be for \$1000. This time, \$2000 was given since no grant was awarded in 2022. Secondly, the spring 2024 meeting is planned for the Penns Cave Showgrounds, not the Centre County Fairgrounds.

Treasurer & Membership Reports are attached with a \$14,292.21 balance and 82 members as of 9/30/23.

Website: Issues with PayPal fall trip payments were resolved and hopefully will not recur in the future. PayPal now charges fees to both the user and our chapter account.

Project Reports: Dan reported that Peirce Mill proposed a poster of mills in the Mid-Atlantic region. This is in progress with help from Bob McLaughlin, manager of the SPOOM Mill Lists. Dan also invited Susan Manch, President of the Board of Directors of the Waterford Foundation in Waterford VA to share the progress on the adaptive reuse of their non-operational 1819 mill during our fall 2024 trip to that area. Additional project reports are included in the October 2 Board Minutes.

Old Business

Incorporation Status: Form 1023 and required accompanying documents were submitted to the IRS with payment of \$600 on September 1, 2023. The response time is up to 6 months. Jerry Schaefer, who attended the 2023 spring meeting provided valuable assistance with this project.

SPOOM Mid-Atlantic Grants: Our \$2000 will be granted when requested by SPOOM upon completion of the respective projects by the intended recipients.

Mid-Atlantic Grain Fair: Peirce Mill, Washington, D.C. is cohosting this on October 22-23. Steve Childers will represent the chapter showing his mill model. Judy designed our chapter postcard with printed copies (100 for \$42 printing & shipping) sent to Steve. A membership special offer form will also be prepared for the event.

Election of Officers: The slate of officers for the four terms starting January 1, 2024 and expiring 2025 was unanimously approved by the membership as presented: Secretary - Craig Sansonetti, Treasurer - Judy Grove, Directors - Charles Yeske and Lisa Reed. Lisa Reed, the

only new board member, is an architect who, along with her carpenter husband purchased Gore Mill near Freeland MD. They hope to restore the former paper mill for micro-hydroelectric use. The vacancy for Vice President, created by the resignation of Susan Langley, was not filled. The following officers continue in their position until the end of 2024: President - Dan Campbell, Directors - Steve Childers and Angela Kramer. Robert McLaughlin, Past President, continues in that position. Susan Langley also resigned as Newsletter Editor which is an appointed position. For now, Rachel Zuch agreed to serve as layout editor and Becky Glover as content editor.

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Future Meeting Dates and Sites:

- May 9-11, 2024 – The Spring Meeting is planned for Centre County, PA. At this point, Bob McLaughlin plans to include Nittany Antique Machinery Association (NAMA) located on the Penns Cave Showground, Curtin Iron Works, a seminar on Roller Mills by Craig Sansonetti, a display of flour bags and milling manuals from Galen Ingram, and possible additional sites.
- Fall 2024 – Locke’s Mill (Sandy Lerner) in Berryville VA, Shepherd’s Mill (Adam Thomas) in Shepherdstown WV, and the Waterford Foundation in Waterford VA (Susan Manch) are potential sites being considered for the event.

2025 SPOOM Mid-Atlantic 20th Anniversary Suggestions:

- Frank Shriver and Sam Riley offered Union Mills as a meeting site since this is where the original organizational meeting was held
- Dan Campbell suggested reviving an event he planned in 2020 which was cancelled due to Covid. Potential sites include Castle Valley Mill, Charlestown Woolen Mill, Anselma Mill, and an ironworks in southeastern PA
- The 2025 National SPOOM Meeting is being planned for Boston in June so that would not conflict with our typical spring and fall meeting dates.

Suggestions for future meeting schedules:

- The group appreciated the fellowship opportunity provided by the Friday evening appetizer social held this year at Braveheart Restaurant and suggested incorporating this for future events.
- The suggestion was made to move the business meeting to an earlier time in the schedule, perhaps during the Friday evening social, so more folks could attend.

President Dan Campbell expressed appreciation to Larry Sutton and the rest of the members of the Hellertown Historical Society for planning and executing such an interesting and informative meeting.

The membership meeting was adjourned at 1:12 pm on a motion by Frank Shaffer, seconded by Lisa Reed, and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Grove, acting secretary.