

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

**April 22, 2023
Semiannual Meeting**

Location: Picnic Shelter at Peirce Mill, Washington, DC
Attendees: See Attachment A

President Dan Campbell called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm and commented on the good turnout for the meeting as we rebound from COVID. He asked how many present were attending their first SPOOM-MA meeting and welcomed the four newcomers. He expressed thanks to Covin Run Mill and Aldie Mill for hosting our Friday visits and to Angela Kramer of Peirce Mill for our Saturday tour and hosting the chapter meeting.

Minutes of the October 1, 2022, meeting at Waynesboro, PA, were distributed by e-mail prior to the meeting. The minutes as submitted were approved by consensus.

Finance: Treasurer Judy Grove presented the finance report as of April 16, 2023, which is appended to these minutes as Attachment B. The beginning balance as of January 1 was \$13,078.61. There have been receipts of \$2703.00 and expenses of \$696.00, producing an ending balance of \$15,085.61. Approximately \$1983 expenses of the spring meeting have not yet been paid and several hundreds of dollars of meeting registration income is not represented in this report.

Dan Campbell noted that the chapter has pledged \$1,000 annually to the SPOOM grant program. Bob McLaughlin is a member of the SPOOM Grant Committee. In 2022 there were no applicants for grants, hence the \$1,000 disbursement to SPOOM was not made. The opportunity for new grant proposals will be made available in 2023, and the chapter is committed to the \$1,000 contribution if suitable proposals are received.

Membership: There are currently 70 paid up chapter members. See Attachment B for details.

Website: Judy Grove noted that the website started by Bob Lundegard remains a valuable tool for the chapter. The website is paid for by sponsors. Past minutes, reports, and newsletters are available on the website, which is often the way new members discover the chapter.

Project Reports: Board members are continuing to respond to inquiries about mill preservation, often received through the chapter website. Dan Campbell has responded to Heathcote Mill regarding suggestions for a contractor to rehabilitate the mill for adaptive reuse. Lisa Reed of Gore Mill has joined SPOOM-MA and is seeking advice concerning restoration of her mill beginning with the Miller's House. Craig Sansonetti responded to an inquiry from Chris Hernandez-Roy and visited him at Lantz mill to help understand the roller mill system formerly in the mill and identify suitable equipment to re-equip it. He was able to connect Hernandez-Roy with Linda Varner who had surplus equipment at Hoover Mill, and three double roll stands have been moved to Lantz Mill.

Old Business

Incorporation and Tax Exempt Status: Craig Sansonetti reported that the amendments to the chapter's Articles of Incorporation that were approved at the spring meeting were filed along with all necessary accompanying documentation with the Pennsylvania Bureau of Corporations and Charitable Organizations. Pennsylvania non-profit website shows that the amendments were accepted in October, 2022, but the certified copy of the amended Articles of Incorporation, which should have been returned

by mail, was never received. We need to obtain a copy of the certified amendment to file with Form 1023 to request tax exemption. Craig has also reviewed and suggested answers for the Form 1023. Jerry Schaefer offered to review the Form 1023. He and Judy Grove will continue work on the tax exemption.

Mid-Atlantic Milling Days: Judy Grove encouraged members to have special programs at their mills during the month of June, which the Chapter has designated Mid-Atlantic Milling celebrations. Notices of special events should be sent to Judy to post on the website and to Susan Langley for the newsletter. Susan also encouraged members to write articles and submit for the newsletter.

New Business

Future Meeting Dates and Sites:

- Fall 2023 -- Hellertown Historical Society, Hellertown, PA. The Historical Society is located in the Heller-Wagner Gristmill and associated buildings. The mill was built in 1760 and operated until the 1950s. Some equipment is intact. Charles Yeske is planning for the meeting which will be held October 6 and 7.
- Spring 2024 --Centre County, PA -- Bob McLaughlin is part of a group that has built a replica mill that is now operable on Center Hall Fairgrounds. The mill is on property owned by Penn State and operations are limited to 7 days a year. Curtin Village and Eagle Iron Works are nearby. Also Penn's Cave and Wildlife Park.
- Fall 2024 -- Locke's Mill, Shenandoah Valley, Berryville, VA.

Judy Grove noted that 2025 will be the 20th anniversary of SPOOM-MA. She suggested that we should plan something special to commemorate that milestone. She also suggested that we should have some educational workshops in conjunction with the Chapter meetings. Angela Kramer and Lisa Reed agreed with this suggestion and added that we should record the sessions and make them available online. Judy proposed that the Board should meet by Zoom to figure out how to incorporate an educational component in our meetings.

Mid-Atlantic Grain Fair: Angela Kramer reported that Common Grain Alliance is sponsoring a Mid-Atlantic Grain Fair, October 22-23, in Washington to bring together farmers, millers, brewers, bakers and everyone who produces or uses grain. She suggested that SPOOM-MA might want to have a table at the event.

Delaware Mills: Steve Childers reported that Abbott's Mill has been closed to the public until repairs can be made due to structural damage to floor joists. The Delaware Agricultural Museum is building a metal water wheel and headrace to try too get its Silver Lake Mill running with pumped water.

There being no further business , Steve Childers moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Susan Langley and adopted unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment A

Attendees for April 20-22 Event at Colvin Run, Aldie, and Peirce Mills						
* indicates those who attended the business meeting						
	#	First Name	Last Name	Milling Connection	City	ST
*	1	Daniel	Campbell	Preservation Architect, AIA	West Chester	PA
*	2	Steve	Childers	Abbotts Mill DE	Wyoming	DE
*	3	Robert	Coblentz	Colvin Run Mill VA	Springfield	VA
	4	Lyuba	Dixon	Industrial Archaeology	Alexandria	VA
	5	William	Dixon	Industrial Archaeology	Alexandria	VA
	6	Steve	Dryden	Friends of Peirce Mill	Washington	DC
*	7	Fritz	Edler	Peirce Mill - Wash DC	Washington	DC
*	8	Frances	Fischer	Castle Valley Mill	Doylestown	PA
*	9	Mark	Fischer	Castle Valley Mill	Doylestown	PA
*	10	Rebecca	Glover	Local Historian	Royersford	PA
*	11	Judy	Grove	Wallace Cross Mill PA	York	PA
	12	Bob	Hanson	Lewis Mill, Jefferson, MD	Jefferson	MD
	13	John	Hanson	Lewis Mill, Jefferson, MD	Jefferson	MD
	14	Cheryl	Hemler	Hemler Saw Mill PA	Hanover	PA
	15	Robert	Hemler, Jr	Hemler Saw Mill PA	Hanover	PA
	16	Bob	Hines	Patuxent River Park - MD	Olney	MD
	17	Dave	Holsten	Walnut Valley Mill MD	Elkton	MD
	18	Dustin	Hurt	Lewis Mill, Jefferson, MD	Jefferson	MD
*	19	Bonnie	Ingram	Sprout Waldron Equipment	Muncy	PA
*	20	Galen	Ingram	Sprout Waldron Equipment	Muncy	PA
*	21	Angela	Kramer	Peirce Mill - DC	Chevy Chase	MD
*	22	Susan	Langley	Underwater Archaeology-MD	Annapolis	MD
	23	Carmen	Lutzke	Industrial Archaeology	Alexandria	VA
*	24	Timothy	Makepeace	Friends of Peirce Mill	Washington	DC
*	25	Robert	McLaughlin	NAMA Mill PA	Howard	PA
	26	Karen	Peterson	Walnut Valley Mill MD	Elkton	MD
*	27	Lisa	Reed	Gore Mill - MD	Freeland	MD
	28	Budne	Reinke	Meyer Mill - Lithuania	Silver Spring	MD
	29	Diane	Reinke	Meyer Mill - Lithuania	Silver Spring	MD
*	30	Craig	Sansonetti	Muddy Creek Forks - PA	Airville	PA
*	31	Jean	Sansonetti	Muddy Creek Forks - PA	Airville	PA
*	32	Jerome	Schaefer	Patuxent River Park - MD	Woodbine	MD
*	33	Adam	Sieminski	Peirce Mill - Wash DC	Washington	DC
*	34	Laurie	Sieminski	Peirce Mill - Wash DC	Washington	DC
*	35	Margaret	Sultner	Former Sawmill Owner	York	PA
*	36	Adam	Thomas	Shepherd's Mill - WV	Shepherdstown	WV
	37	Daniele	Zartman	Glass Mill, Opequon	Silver Spring	MD
*	38	William	Zartman	Glass Mill, Opequon	Silver Spring	MD

Attachment B**2023 SPOOM Mid-Atlantic Year-to-Date Finance Report**

STARTING BALANCE 1/1/2023		\$ 13,078.61
INCOME		
10 Membership Income	\$ 680.00	
20 Donations	\$ 50.00	
30 Spring Meeting Payments	\$ 1,973.00	
40 Fall Meeting Registrations		
50 Other Income	\$ -	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 2,703.00	
INCOME PLUS STARTING BALANCE		\$ 15,781.61
EXPENSES		
35 Spring Meeting Expenses		
45 Fall Meeting Expenses		
55 Mill and SPOOM Project Suppc	\$ -	
65 Website Costs	\$ 334.70	
75 PayPal Fees	\$ 61.30	
85 Other Exp (Insurance \$300)	\$ 300.00	
95 Postage		
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 696.00	
ENDING BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE 04/16/2023		\$ 15,085.61
PAYPAL ACCOUNT BALANCE		
TOTAL SPOOM MA CASH ASSETS		\$ 15,085.61

MEMBERSHIP TYPES	Year 2023
\$10 Discount Memberships	25
\$15 Basic Memberships	8
\$25 Sustaining Memberships	23
\$50 Organizational Members	14
TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS	70