

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

**May 21, 2022
Semiannual Meeting**

Location: Newlin Mills, Glen Mills, PA
Attendees: See Attachment A

President Dan Campbell called the meeting to order at 12:07 P.M. and expressed thanks to Tony Shahan, Laurie Adie, Charles Yeske and the rest of the Newlin Mills staff for hosting such an outstanding program.

Minutes of the October 2, 2021, meeting at the Batsto Village in Hammonton, NJ, were approved as distributed.

Finance: Treasurer Judy Grove presented the finance report as of April 30, 2021, which is appended to these minutes as Attachment B. The ending balance is \$12,493.06. The audit for 2021 was completed by Gorge Fletcher 01/25/2022 with no irregularities. Due to the short lead time for this event, all registration fees and expenses were processed by our host, Newlin Mills.

Membership: There are 68 current paid memberships. See Attachment C for details.

Website: The website continues to attract questions related to milling and new members and subscribers to our emails.

The Chapter Activity Page contains three groups of items from past events: (1) newsletters, (2) meeting registration forms and activities, and (3) bylaws, minutes, and finance reports. Each category has a pulldown menu to access a particular date. (Following this chapter meeting, Sue Langley submitted copies of records from our early years which are now also posted on this page.)

Judy requested a volunteer to post photos on the website photo gallery. Dan has photos from most of the past events so Judy will find out how to best transfer those photos.

Project Reports: Board members have responded to several inquiries about mill preservation or records made to the chapter website. Todd Eyster of Cross Mill is looking for millstones.

Old Business

SPOOM Mid-Atlantic Grants: SPOOM MA has pledged \$1000 a year towards the SPOOM Grant program with preference to be given to requests within our area. SPOOM is starting the grant submission and review process for this year. Bob McLaughlin is our representative on the grant committee.

Election of Officers: As a result of suspension of chapter meetings due to Covid, the board voted to extend the terms of existing officers to 2022 with the normal cycle of elections to resume after that. Current Board Members and their term expiration dates are listed:

- Dan Campbell, President (2022)
- Susan Langley, Vice President (2022)
- Craig Sansonetti, Secretary (2023)
- Judith Grove, Treasurer and Webmaster (2023)
- Robert McLaughlin, Past President
- Steve Childers, Board Member (2022)
- Vacant, Board Member (2022)
- Charles Yeske, Board Member (2023)
- Megan Orient, Board Member (2023)
- Susan Langley, Newsletter Editor

Nominations and election for two year terms for the following positions will take place at the fall meeting: President, Vice President, two board members.

Incorporation Status: Craig Sansonetti reviewed the paperwork that had been prepared for Form 1023 since the Form 1023-EZ was rejected. He suggested the following amendments to the bylaws to satisfy the legal requirements.

RESOLVED, that Article 3 of the Bylaws of The Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the Society for the Preservation of Old Mills be amended as follows:

3. The corporation is incorporated under the Pennsylvania Nonprofit Corporation Law of 1988 for the following purpose or purposes:

To encourage and support the preservation of historical, technical, and economic information with regard to the early milling industry and to develop and provide this information for educational purposes for the benefit of members and the public through publications, newsletters, lectures, and meetings. The Chapter will host and conduct meetings in support of The Society for the Preservation of Old Mills and other national and local Mill Societies in the states of Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

In carrying out these purposes (a) no part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, officers, directors or other private persons; (b) no substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be attempting to influence legislation; and (c) the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 2021 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law) or (b) by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 2021 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law).

Upon dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation to SPOOM (the Society for the Preservation of Old Mills) or a similar organization or organizations that shall qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 2021 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law). Any such assets not so disposed shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for the purpose of the corporation.

RESOLVED, that Article 11 of the Bylaws of The Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the Society for the Preservation of Old Mills be amended as follows:

11. All conditions, qualifications, requirements, privileges, and regulations as to membership in the corporation, including voting rights of members, shall be fixed and governed by the By-Laws of the corporation.

The recommended amendments were approved as printed above on a motion by Judy Grove, seconded by Leslie Morris Smith and passed unanimously.

Liability Insurance for Officers: Once the incorporation paperwork is completed, officers are covered and there is no need for liability insurance for officers.

New Business

Suggestions for future workshops:

- Creative Fundraising Ideas such as the Newlin Mills Dam Project
- Emergency management preparation for mills – an analysis of the types of emergencies and how best to mitigate losses and develop strategies for responses. Participants could create an outline of a plan they could fill in with local resources.
- Protection of Intangible Assets (the people, skills, and trades that support our historic mills - milling, millwrighting, water wheel construction, practical water power operation, cooperage, utilitarian blacksmithing, etc.) Discuss skills, hopefully with various crafts people demonstrating, and the best ways to identify, document, pass on, and preserve these skills.
- **Tour of Sunrise Mill** in Montgomery County (3431 Neiffer Rd Schwenksville PA 19473) on Saturday, August 20. Contact campbelldt@verizon.net for more information.

Suggestions for Future Meeting Dates and Sites:

- Fall 2022 - September 15-17 or 22-24 to avoid SPOOM meeting October 13-15
- Spring 2023 - 2nd half of April or 1st half of May
- Colvin Run Mill – Rob Coblenz will check with the Friends Group and Fairfax County about hosting our fall event.
- Hellertown Historical Society – Heller Wagner Grist Mill (Larry Sutton and Chip Wagner) and Whitehall Historical Preservation Society – Helfrich Springs Grist Mill - Jeff Donat, Robert Miller) near Allentown PA
- Union Mills Homestead, Carroll County MD
- Delaware Mills – Abbotts Mill (Milford) - host, Voshells Mill (Rising Sun), Wyoming Mill (Wyoming), Hearn & Rawlings Mill (Seaford), Silver Lake Mill/Delaware Ag Museum (Dover)
- St. Vincent Gristmill – Latrobe PA

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm on a motion by Steve Childers, seconded by Bob McLaughlin and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Grove, Acting Secretary
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Attachment A

Attendance for May 19-21, 2022 Event hosted by Newlin Mills, Glen Mills PA						
	* indicates those who attended the business meeting					
#	First Name	Last Name	Milling Connection	City	ST	
*	1	Beverlee	Barnes	Delaware Co Planning Dept		
*	2	Daniel	Campbell	Preservation Architect	West Chester	PA
*	3	Steve	Childers	Abbotts Mill - DE	Wyoming	DE
*	4	Robert	Coblenz	Colvin Run Mill - VA	Springfield	VA
	5	Bob	Cunningham	Surveyor	Knoxville	PA
*	6	Judy	Grove	Wallace Cross Mill PA	York	PA
*	7	Cheryl	Hemler	Hemler Saw Mill PA	Hanover	PA
*	8	Robert	Hemler, Jr	Hemler Saw Mill PA	Hanover	PA
	9	Dave	Holsten	Walnut Valley Mill MD	Elkton	MD
*	10	Bonnie	Ingram	Sprout Waldron Equipment	Muncy	PA
*	11	Galen	Ingram	Sprout Waldron Equipment	Muncy	PA
	12	Torben	Jenk	Highway archaeologist	Malvern	PA
*	13	Susan	Langley	Underwater Archaeology-MD	Annapolis	MD
*	14	Robert	McLaughlin	Nittany Antique Machinery	Howard	PA
	15	Karen	Peterson	Walnut Valley Mill MD	Elkton	MD
	16	Joan	Purcell	Batsto Village	Batsto	NJ
	17	Paul	Purcell	Batsto Village	Batsto	NJ
	18	Mathew	Pyle	York Haven Hydroelectric Dam	York	PA
*	19	Leslie	Morris Smith	Morris Arboretum Archives	Wyndmoor	PA
*	20	Margaret	Sultner	Former Sawmill Owner	York	PA
	21	Larry	Sutton	Hellertown Historical Society	Hellertown	PA
	22	Roy (Chip)	Wagner	Hellertown Historical Society	Hellertown	PA
*	23	Arlene	Warren	SPOOM Member	Holland	PA
*	24	Vernon	Wiegand	SPOOM Member	Holland	PA
*	25	Andrew	Yeske	Newlin Grist Mill, Stover Mill	Doylestown	PA
*	26	Charles	Yeske	Newlin Grist Mill, Stover Mill	Doylestown	PA
*	27	Tony	Shahan	Newlin Grist Mill Staff		
*	28	Laura	Adie	Newlin Grist Mill Staff		
	29	Keith	Doms	Newlin Grist Mill Staff		
	30	Michael	Knight	Newlin Grist Mill Staff		
	31	Jane	Staud	Newlin Grist Mill Staff		
	32	Mark	Gennaro	Newlin Grist Mill Staff		

Attachments B and C

2022 SPOOM Mid-Atlantic Year-to-Date Finance Report

STARTING BALANCE 1/1/2022		\$ 12,606.95
INCOME		
10 Membership Income	\$ 565.00	
20 Donations		
30 Spring Meeting Payments	\$ -	
40 Fall Meeting Registrations		
50 Other Income	\$ -	
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 565.00
INCOME PLUS STARTING BALANCE		\$ 13,171.95
EXPENSES		
35 Spring Meeting Expenses		
45 Fall Meeting Expenses	\$ -	
55 Mill and SPOOM Project Support	\$ -	
65 Website Costs	\$ 314.70	
75 PayPal Fees	\$ 14.34	
85 Other Exp (Insurance \$373)	\$ 373.00	
95 Postage		
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 702.04
ENDING BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE 4/30/2022		\$ 12,469.91
PAYPAL ACCOUNT BALANCE		\$ 23.15
TOTAL SPOOM MA CASH ASSETS		\$ 12,493.06

2022 SPOOM Mid-Atlantic Year-to-Date Membership Report

MEMBERSHIP TYPES	Count
\$10 Discount Memberships	31
\$15 Basic Memberships	5
\$25 Sustaining Memberships	19
\$50 Organizational Memberships	13
TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS	68