

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

**September 14, 2019  
Semiannual Meeting**

Location: Red Mill, Clinton, NJ  
Attendees: See Attachment A

President Dan Campbell called the meeting to order at 10:55 A.M. and thanked Elizabeth Cole and Amy Boyce for their diligent work in hosting the conference and organizing the tours. He also announced that Nate Bond, a member of the Board and long-term SPOOM-MA member, had died in early August.

**Minutes** of the April 13, 2019 meeting at Cyrus McCormick Farm, Raphine, VA were distributed by e-mail prior to the meeting and paper copies were available. Steve Childers moved that the minutes be approved as distributed. The motion was seconded by Charles Yeske and approved unanimously.

**Finance:** Treasurer Judy Grove presented the finance report as of September 12, 2019, which is appended to these minutes as Attachment B. The beginning bank balance as of January 1 was \$16,819.39. Since then there have been receipts of \$3394.00 and expenses of \$6427.09, producing an ending bank balance of \$13,786.30. These figures do not include expenses of the fall meeting and nor does it include all payments for the meeting. The chapter Paypal account has a balance of \$1900.11, which represents fall meeting payments and a few memberships. Total cash assets of the chapter are \$15,686.41.

**Membership:** Judy Grove reported that current paid memberships were down slightly from the spring. Subsequent to the meeting she provided an updated report showing 32 chapter/SPOOM members (\$10), 3 chapter/non-SPOOM (\$15) members, 25 sustaining members (\$25), and 11 organizational members for a total of 70 members. Website subscribers total 130.

**Project Reports:** For more than five years, the Muddy Creek Forks Roller Mills has been seeking a permanent home for a complete Wolf Level Sifter saved more than 20 years ago from the Silver Spring Mill in Mechanicsville, PA. Craig Sansonetti reported that, thanks to contacts made at this year's national SPOOM conference at Prater's Mill, Dalton, GA, the level sifter will be transferred to the Broyles, Bashor, and Bennett Mill in Broylesville, TN. Planning is underway to make this transfer in October.

**Old Business**

**SPOOM Mid-Atlantic Grants:** The chapter has paid out the \$4000 grant to the Muddy Creek Forks Roller Mills authorized at the spring meeting. Craig Sansonetti reported on the project to move four double roll stands from the Hawk Mill in Allentown, PA, to Muddy Creek Forks. All preparations were in place to move the roll stands on August 7th. Unfortunately, the rigger contracted to handle the move was injured in a work-related accident a few days before the scheduled move, which had to be postponed. A move date in October is now expected.

No new requests for grant support were presented.

**Tax-Exempt Status for Chapter:** Bob McLaughlin reported that, due to personal considerations, no additional progress has been made in seeking tax-exempt status for the chapter. He is now ready to begin work on the application process.

**Newsletter Editor:** No issue of the chapter newsletter has yet been prepared in 2019. Megan Orient, newsletter editor, has been too busy to get it done, and we have no vice-president, the officer with responsibility for writing about chapter activities. No one agreed to take on the position of editor. Steve Childers and Judy Grove agreed to try to prepare the next issue. Steve will provide the story regarding the tours we took during this meeting. Dan will provide the story of the tours that we took during the Spring 2019 meeting.

### **New Business**

**Election of Officers and Directors:** Under provisions of the chapter by-laws, regular elections were to be held for secretary, treasurer, and two directors. In addition, it was necessary to fill the vice-president position left vacant by the resignation of Adam Sieminski and the director at large position vacated by the death of Nate Bond. Treasurer Judy Grove, Secretary Craig Sansonetti, and Directors at Large Charles Yeske and Megan Orient agreed to stand for re-election to their current positions. Susan Langley had agreed prior to the meeting to accept nomination for the vacant director at large position. After discussion, Ivan Lufriu agreed to stand for election as vice-president. Dan Campbell submitted this slate to vote of the membership, which unanimously approved its election. Ivan Lufriu and Susan Langley will take up their positions immediately to fill out the unexpired terms to which they were elected.

**Future Meetings:** Batsto Village in the Pinelands of New Jersey is a possibility for a future meeting. It is an iron-processing village with a grist mill and a saw mill. They do not understand their saw mill, and Bob Hemler has agreed to look at it. Dan Campbell and Charles Yeske have spoken with a ranger about the prospects for a meeting there.

Shank's Mill in Franklin County, PA, might also be a possibility. Judy Grove will contact Adrian Shank to see if he would be willing to organize a meeting. Ivan Lufriu noted that there are two Shank's Mills and that we should try to see both.

Steve Childers noted that Charlestown Mill in Chester County, PA, has recently been restored. It might be a candidate for a future meeting.

It was also suggested that the Coatesville/Downingtown area with Lukens Steel, the Iron and Steel Museum, and the Bondsville Mill might be a good place to meet. Dan Campbell suggested that the Mill at Anselma might be able to host a meeting in this area.

**Activities at Locke's Mill:** Roger Steyaert reported that he is now the miller at Locke's Mill, which is owned by Sandra Lerner. The mill is doing a lot of work for distilleries and major upgrades are being made. One set of stones has been certified organic. Two additional run of stones are being installed as well as a large sifter and a roller mill and fanning mill for oats. Ben Hassett will be installing these modifications in late October. The mill will have an open house for SPOOM members in the spring of 2020. Roger will send information to Judy Grove for dissemination to the membership.

**Eastern Shore Mills:** Steve Childers reported on the status of Abbott's Mill and Cooch-Dyatt mill, which are owned by the state of Delaware. Abbott's Mill, which is operated by the Delaware Nature Society, was restored about 25 years ago. Sills of its turbine well have since sustained termite damage, which was recently repaired. They have also restored the 20 hp diesel engine that ran the roller mills, and now run the roller mills once each month. The state is rethinking its use of the Cooch-Dyatt site, and there is no longer access there for mill tours. Steve is also doing drawings for Wye Mills and meeting with Frank McKelvey to work on interpretation of the mill.

Steve is also looking for a small turbine for display at Abbott's Mill. Craig Sansonetti noted that two turbines are buried at the High Rock Mill near Muddy Creek Forks. Craig is helping Eric Clarke of Cotton Hill Mill in Fayette County, West Virginia, get access to the mill site. Eric has an interest in trying to salvage the turbines.

**Equipment Available:** Charles Yeske reported that he has two scourers, a bagger, and other miscellaneous equipment available to a good home. He also has free past issues of Old Mill News. National SPOOM is in need of a bookstore manager.

**2020 National Conference:** Amy Boyce is organizing the 2020 national SPOOM meeting to be held October 1-3 in Massachusetts. She invited everyone to put it on their calendars and plan to attend.

There being no further business Charles Yeske moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Amy Boyce and was adopted unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at approximately noon.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chapter Meeting Attendees -- September 14, 2019

Attachment A

|    | First Name | Last Name  | City         | ST | Milling Connection         |
|----|------------|------------|--------------|----|----------------------------|
| 1  | Amy        | Boyce      | Scituate     | MA | Historic Carpentry         |
| 2  | Daniel     | Campbell   | West Chester | PA | Preservation Architect     |
| 3  | Gino       | Caporizzo  | Northwales   | PA | Springfield Mills - PA     |
| 4  | Steve      | Childers   | Wyoming      | DE | Abbotts Mill DE            |
| 5  | Robert     | Coblentz   | Springfield  | VA |                            |
| 6  | William    | Dixon      | Alexandria   | VA | Industrial Archaeology     |
| 7  | Judy       | Grove      | York         | PA | Wallace Cross Mill PA      |
| 8  | Dave       | Holsten    | Elkton       | MD | Walnut Valley Mill MD      |
| 9  | Bonnie     | Ingram     | Muncy        | PA | Sprout Waldron Equipment   |
| 10 | Galen      | Ingram     | Muncy        | PA | Sprout Waldron Equipment   |
| 11 | Ivan       | Lufriu     | Littlestown  | PA | Union Mills Homestead - MD |
| 12 | Marlene    | Lufriu     | Littlestown  | PA | Union Mills Homestead - MD |
| 13 | Carmen     | Lutzke     | Alexandria   | VA | Industrial Archaeology     |
| 14 | Robert     | McLaughlin | Howard       | PA | NAMA Mill PA               |
| 15 | Karen      | Peterson   | Elkton       | MD | Walnut Valley Mill MD      |
| 16 | Elizabeth  | Rounds     | Lebanon      | NJ | Red Mill Museum Village    |
| 17 | Craig      | Sansonetti | Airville     | PA | Muddy Creek Forks - PA     |
| 18 | Jean       | Sansonetti | Airville     | PA | Muddy Creek Forks - PA     |
| 19 | Ivins      | Smith      | Hackettstown | NJ | Ret-Cooper Grist Mill NJ   |
| 20 | Joann      | Smith      | Hackettstown | NJ | Ret-Cooper Grist Mill NJ   |
| 21 | Roger      | Steyaert   | Gerrardstown | WV | Lockes Mill -VA            |
| 22 | Margaret   | Sultner    | York         | PA | Former Sawmill Owner       |
| 23 | Charles    | Yeske      | Doylestown   | PA | Stover Myers Mill - PA     |

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

|                                       |    |          |           |
|---------------------------------------|----|----------|-----------|
| STARTING BALANCE 1/1/2019             |    | \$       | 16,819.39 |
| INCOME                                |    |          |           |
| 10 Membership Income                  | \$ | 680.00   |           |
| 20 Donations                          | \$ | 2.00     |           |
| 30 Spring Meeting Payments            | \$ | 1,656.00 |           |
| 40 Fall Meeting Registrations         | \$ | 1,056.00 |           |
| 50 Other Income                       |    |          |           |
| TOTAL INCOME                          |    | \$       | 3,394.00  |
| INCOME PLUS STARTING BALANCE          |    | \$       | 20,213.39 |
| EXPENSES                              |    |          |           |
| 35 Spring Meeting Expenses            | \$ | 1,542.00 |           |
| 45 Fall Meeting Expenses              | \$ | -        |           |
| 55 Mill and SPOOM Project Support     | \$ | 4,000.00 |           |
| 65 Website Costs                      | \$ | 472.05   |           |
| 75 PayPal Fees                        | \$ | 18.04    |           |
| 85 Other Expenses (Insurance)         | \$ | 395.00   |           |
| 95 Postage                            |    |          |           |
| TOTAL EXPENSES                        |    | \$       | 6,427.09  |
| ENDING BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE 9/12/2019 |    | \$       | 13,786.30 |
| PAYPAL ACCOUNT BALANCE                |    | \$       | 1,900.11  |
| TOTAL SPOOM MA CASH ASSETS            |    | \$       | 15,686.41 |