

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

**April 13, 2019
Semiannual Meeting**

Location: Cyrus McCormick Farm, Raphine, VA
Attendees: See Attachment A

President Dan Campbell called the meeting to order at 11:15 A.M. and thanked everyone for coming. He explained that the farm superintendent, with whom the meeting arrangements had been made, died unexpectedly in November 2018, therefore there was no one representing the farm on hand to welcome the meeting.

Minutes of the September 8, 2018 meeting at Union Mills in Westminster, MD were distributed by e-mail prior to the meeting and paper copies were available. Bill Zartman moved that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Carol Joyce and approved unanimously.

Membership: Judy Grove reported that she had experienced a computer crash and that complete information on membership was not available. Subsequent to the meeting she provided the following report. Current paid memberships include 32 chapter/SPOOM (\$10), 3 chapter/non-SPOOM (\$15), 25 sustaining members (\$25), and 10 organizational members (\$50) for a total of 70 members.

Finance: Treasurer Judy Grove presented the finance report as of April 10, 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 \$2200.00 and expenses of \$197.39, producing an ending balance of \$18,822.00. This does not yet include expenses of the spring meeting. The chapter Paypal account has a balance of \$400.50. Total cash assets of the chapter are \$19,222.50. Over the course of the year Judy prepares three reports -- spring meeting, fall meeting, and year end. The 2018 year end statements have been audited by a CPA and no exceptions were noted. The 2018 Year-End Report is appended to these minutes as Attachment C.

Website: Judy Grove reported that issues with transfer to the new website format have been resolved. The website has 130 subscribers.

Project Reports: There were no current project reports, but Dan Campbell noted that he, Ivan Lufriu, and other Board members respond to questions submitted through the website. Tom and Jeanette Richardson of Big Otter Mill in Bedford, VA, are at the meeting as a result of contact made in this way.

Old Business

Election of Officers and Directors: Dan Campbell welcomed new Board members Nate Bond of Fredericksburg, VA, and Steve Childers, of Abbots Mill, Milford, DE, who were elected to the Board in the fall of 2018. The position of vice-president remains open due to the resignation of Adam Sieminski. The primary responsibility of the vice-president is to write a story about the activities of the chapter for Old Mill News, the publication of national SPOOM. The position will be filled in the fall when the secretary, treasurer, and two directors will be elected. Dan noted that the SPOOM national conference will be held in Dalton, GA, June 6-8, 2019.

SPOOM Mid-Atlantic Grants: Judy Grove noted that the chapter does not have a formal process for requesting grant support. The last time a grant was made it was processed through the SPOOM Grant Committee. She stated that the chapter currently has more money than needed for its regular operations and suggested the chapter make a grant to support moving a set of four roll stands from the Hawk Mill in Allentown, PA, to the Muddy Creek Forks Roller Mills in Muddy Creek Forks, PA. Craig Sansonetti of the Muddy Creek Forks Mill noted that he had not planned to request funds from the chapter but that support would be very welcome. The mill at Muddy Creek Forks has been seeking appropriate roller mills for many years, and the four small roll stands at Hawk Mill are appropriate in size, configuration, and date. Hawk Mill is not open to the public and the owner wishes to remove the milling equipment so the building can be used for other purposes. The mill at Muddy Creek Forks is open to the public on a regular basis. The donation of the roll stands was arranged by chapter member Jeff Donat. A quote of \$3850 to remove the mills from Hawk Mill and load them on a truck has been obtained. There will be additional expenses for truck rental and unloading. Judy Grove moved that the chapter make a grant of \$4000 to the Maryland & Pennsylvania Railroad Preservation Society, owner of the Muddy Creek Forks Roller Mills, to support the move. The motion was seconded by Carol Joyce and adopted unanimously.

Incorporation Status: Incorporation of the chapter as a Pennsylvania Nonprofit Corporation has been completed. Bob McLaughlin is continuing to work on obtaining tax-exempt status.

Liability Insurance for Officers: Judy Grove reported that there is no need for the chapter to pursue Directors and Officers Liability Insurance. Chapter officers are adequately protected by the indemnification clause in the Chapter By-Laws.

Mills Lists: Bob McLaughlin maintains the SPOOM mill lists. All lists are now available in digital form, and Bob receives several requests per week for copies.

New Business

Future Meetings: A site for the 2019 fall meeting has not yet been determined. The Red Mill Museum in Clinton, NJ, is one possible site. It recently hosted a meeting of Preservation New Jersey. Batsto Village in Pineland, NJ, is also a possibility. They are restoring a mill, sawmill, and mansion, and have expressed interest in having us come. The location is close to Atlantic City and there are agricultural and glass villages in the area.

Possibilities for future meetings include Whitehall Historic Preservation Society, owner of the Helfrich Springs Gristmill near Allentown, PA. This organization has been on our list for some time and its interest in hosting a meeting is in question. Judy Grove suggested that Shanks Mill in Franklin County, PA, might also be a possibility. She would be willing to work with local people to organize a meeting.

Mill at Museum of American Frontier Culture: As part of this meeting the chapter visited the Museum of American Frontier Culture. The museum is planning to build a vintage gristmill from scratch on a high point of ground. Many members of the chapter felt it would be more appropriate for the museum to save an historic mill and move it to their site.

Bill Zartman moved that the chapter send a letter to the museum as follows:

The SPOOM-MA, a public service association dedicated to the preservation of historic mills, is grateful to the Frontier Culture Museum for its welcome but is shocked to learn of the Museum's plans to build an "old mill." The area has many true historic structures that could be transported to the site and saved for posterity, as are the other structures of the museum.

The SPOOM-MA urges the Museum to reconsider its plan and to install an authentic piece of historic culture rather than a fake. We would be glad to help locate a true structure of merit.

The motion was seconded by Judy Grove. Jon Joyce noted that the museum had previously bought the Zirkel Mill with the intention of moving it, but local people blocked the move with political pressure and the museum was forced to sell the mill back to the family at a loss. The museum has invested \$180,000 in their current plans and are unlikely to reverse course. Kelsey Frey suggested that we should be supportive of the museum's effort to educate the public about milling rather than criticizing. Several members expressed concern that the proposed language seemed intemperate. A vote was taken on the motion, which was defeated by a large margin.

Bill Dixon moved that a letter be sent as proposed by Bill Zartman with the word *shocked* in the first paragraph replaced with *disappointed*, and the word *fake* in the second paragraph replaced with *reproduction*. The motion was seconded by Susan Langley and was adopted by a clear majority with some dissenting votes.

New Book in SPOOM Bookstore: Ivan Lufriu reported that a new book, *Mills of Maryland -- A Portfolio*, by John McGrain is now available at a cost of \$15 from the SPOOM bookstore.

There being no further business Jon Joyce moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Susan Langley and was adopted unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chapter Meeting Attendees -- April 13, 2019

Attachment A

	First Name	Last Name	Milling Connection
1	Daniel	Campbell	Preservation Architect
2	Gino	Caporizzo	Springfield Mill - PA
3	Eric	Clarke	Cotton Hill Mill - WV
4	William	Dixon	Industrial Archaeology
5	Kelsey	Frey	Wallace Cross Mill - PA
6	Judy	Grove	Wallace Cross Mill PA
7	Julie	Hattier	Cotton Hill Mill - WV
8	Cheryl	Hemler	Hemler Saw Mill PA
9	Robert	Hemler, Jr	Hemler Saw Mill PA
10	Carol	Joyce	Lockes Mill - VA
11	Jon	Joyce	Lockes Mill - VA
12	Ray	Kinard	Mill research - York PA
13	Rebecca	Kinard	Mill research - York PA
14	Susan	Langley	Underwater Archeologist
15	Ivan	Lufriu	Schrivier Mill Union Mills - MD
16	Marlene	Lufriu	Schrivier Mill Union Mills - MD
17	Tom	Richardson	Big Otter - Bedford VA
18	Jeanette	Richardson	Big Otter - Bedford VA
19	Craig	Sansonetti	Muddy Creek Forks - PA
20	Jean	Sansonetti	Muddy Creek Forks - PA
	Roger	Steyaert	Burwell-Morgan - VA
23	Margaret	Sultner	Former Sawmill Owner
24	Marie-Daniele	Zartman	Glass Mill, Opequon
25	William	Zartman	Glass Mill, Opequon
26	Charles	Yeske	Stover Meyers Mill PA

SPOOM Mid-Atlantic Year-to-Date Finance Report

STARTING BALANCE 1/1/2019		\$ 16,819.39
INCOME		
10 Membership Income	\$ 655.00	
20 Donations	\$ 2.00	
30 Spring Meeting Payments	\$ 1,543.00	
40 Fall Meeting Registrations	\$ -	
50 Other Income		
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 2,200.00	
INCOME PLUS STARTING BALANCE		\$ 19,019.39
EXPENSES		
35 Spring Meeting Expenses		
45 Fall Meeting Expenses	\$ -	
55 Mill and SPOOM Project Support	\$ -	
65 Website Costs	\$ 157.35	
75 PayPal Fees	\$ 18.04	
95 Postage	\$ 22.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 197.39	
ENDING BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE 4/10/2019		\$ 18,822.00
PAYPAL ACCOUNT BALANCE		\$ 400.50
TOTAL SPOOM MA CASH ASSETS		\$ 19,222.50

SPOOM Mid-Atlantic 2018 Year-End Finance Report

STARTING BALANCE 1/1/2018			\$ 14,081.83
INCOME			
10 Membership Income	\$	1,930.00	
20 Donations	\$	735.00	
30 Spring Meeting Payments	\$	3,340.00	
40 Fall Meeting Registrations	\$	2,507.48	
50 Other Income	\$	343.90	
TOTAL INCOME			\$ 8,856.38
INCOME PLUS STARTING BALANCE			\$ 22,938.21
EXPENSES			
35 Spring Meeting Expenses	\$	2,004.47	
45 Fall Meeting Expenses	\$	2,486.00	
65 Website Costs	\$	848.90	
75 PayPal Fees	\$	118.32	
85 Other Expenses	\$	536.13	
95 Miscellaneous	\$	125.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$ 6,118.82
ENDING BALANCE 12/31/2018			\$ 16,819.39