

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

**November 8, 2024
Semiannual Board Meeting**

Location: Ayrshire Farm, 21846 Trappe Rd, Upperville, VA 20184
Attendance: Dan Campbell, Judy Grove, Angela Kramer, Steve Childers, and Lisa Reed for quorum. 21 additional chapter members and their guests also attended the board meeting. See Attachment A

President Dan Campbell called the meeting to order at 1:35 P.M. and expressed thanks to our hosts at Ayrshire Farm and Locke's Mill (Chris and Tim) for hosting and providing the meal enjoyed at the meeting.

Minutes of the May 11, 2024, meeting at Nittany Antique Machinery Association Building, Centre Hall, PA, were approved on a motion by Steve, seconded by Angela.

Finance and Membership: For Year-to-Date Finance and Membership report, see Attachment B. Treasurer Judy Grove presented a request to move from PNC to M&T bank. This change was approved on motion by Judy and seconded by Steve. She added that the financial report balance included money for bills yet to be paid for the conference.

Website: Judy, who is also managing the website reported that it is active and in good order.

Project Reports: Steve Childers reported on Abbots Mill. He said that termite damage has escalated to urgent and needing repair. The mill has contracted with an architect and structural engineer who will be looking at it in the next 2-3 weeks. Steve also mentioned that he will be speaking at the Kent County Library on the history of DE mills.

Old Business

SPOOM M-A Facebook Update: Angela Kramer has made considerable effort to contact and communicate with Meta with no real progress for unlocking the M-A Facebook page which was started and maintained by a member who has since deceased. It is proving impossible for a new person to gain access to the account. Angela suggested that a possible solution would be to start a new page.

SPOOM M-A Newsletter: In the absence of a newsletter editor, Judy will serve as acting content editor, Rachel Zuch as layout editor, and event attendees will be asked to provide articles. Anyone can contribute, articles will be due Nov 30.

(Post Meeting Note: articles were provided as shown below:

- President's Message – Dan Campbell
- Shepherd's Mill– Adam Thomas
- Bavarian Inn Dinner – Judy Grove
- Locke's Mill – Susan Langley
- Ayrshire Farms – Lisa Reed
- Waterford Foundation – Angela Kramer
- Burwell Morgan – Steve Childers
- Our Tennessee Mill – Dwight Bennett
- Highlights from Business Meeting – Judy Grove)

Rudolf Hershey Flour Bag Collection: A new home is needed for the collection due to Susan Langley's retirement. Steve Childers said that he will check them out after the conference and may be able to help.

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A nominee for Vice President is needed.

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. Planning has started for additional sites in the general vicinity. Westminster would be a central location for 20th anniversary. Some discussion on planning for an anniversary meeting included a Thurs – Saturday duration including a banquet. The banquet could become the event itself. The event committee will send an email out to the M-A members to invite more opportunities to discuss possible commemorative events.
- 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.

New Business:

Spring Event planning: Steve suggested that since planning is further along, the previously cancelled event for southeastern PA would be a good candidate for the spring meeting. He offered to give his presentation on DE mills to the group. This could also be saved for the anniversary celebration in the fall.

Bank account: Judy moved to add Matt Pyle as a signee on the new M&T bank account. No opposition from the board.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Reed, acting secretary

Attendees for November 7-9 Event in Northern VA & WV

B indicates Board Members attending the November 8 Membership Meeting

* all others who attended the November 8 Membership Meeting

#	First Name	Last Name	*	Milling Connection	City	ST
1	Cheryl	Bennett	*	Broyles, Bashor, & Bennett Mill	Long Beach	CA
2	Dwight	Bennett	*	Broyles, Bashor, & Bennett Mill*	Long Beach	CA
3	Alexandra	Block	*	Colvin Run Mill - VA	Dunn Loring	VA
4	Daniel	Campbell	B	Preservation Architect, AIA	West Chester	PA
5	Steve	Childers	B	Abbotts Mill DE	Wyoming	DE
6	Deborah	Coblentz	*	Colvin Run Mill - VA	Springfield	VA
7	Robert	Coblentz	*	Colvin Run Mill - VA	Springfield	VA
8	Bill	Farrell	*		Winchester	VA
9	Colleen	Farrell			Winchester	VA
10	Rebecca	Glover	*	Local Historian	Royersford	PA
11	Judy	Grove	B	Wallace Cross Mill PA	York	PA
12	Cheryl	Hemler	*	Hemlers Saw Mill PA	Hanover	PA
13	Robert	Hemler, Jr	*	Hemlers Saw Mill PA	Hanover	PA
14	Bonnie	Ingram	*	Sprout Waldron Equipment	Muncy	PA
15	Galen	Ingram	*	Sprout Waldron Equipment	Muncy	PA
16	Angela	Kramer	B	Peirce Mill - DC	Chevy Chase	MD
17	Susan	Langley	*	Underwater Archaeology-MD	Annapolis	MD
18	Karen	Peterson	*	Walnut Valley Mill MD	Elkton	MD
19	Josey	Poteet	*	Walnut Valley Mill MD	Elkton	MD
20	Lucille	Poteet	*	Walnut Valley Mill MD	Elkton	MD
21	Nancy	Poteet	*	Walnut Valley Mill MD	Elkton	MD
22	Lisa	Reed	B	Gore Mill - MD	Freeland	MD
23	Tim	Richards	*	Lockes Mill VA	Martinsburg	WV
24	Margaret	Sultner	*	Former Sawmill Owner	York	PA
25	Adam	Thomas	*	Shepherd's Mill WV	Shepherdstown	WV
26	Daniele	Zartman	*	Glass Mill, Opequon	Silver Spring	MD
27	William	Zartman	*	Glass Mill, Opequon	Silver Spring	MD

2024 SPOOM Mid-Atlantic Year-to-Date Finance Report

STARTING BALANCE 1/1/2024 \$ 12,902.13

INCOME

10 Membership Income \$ 1,050.00

20 Donations \$ 50.00

30 Spring Meeting Payments \$ 3,059.00

40 Fall Meeting Registrations \$ 1,421.00

50 Other Income \$ -

TOTAL INCOME **\$ 5,580.00**

INCOME PLUS STARTING BALANCE **\$ 18,482.13**

EXPENSES

35 Spring Meeting Expenses \$ 3,027.91

45 Fall Meeting Expenses

55 Mill and SPOOM Project Support \$ 2,000.00

65 Website Costs \$ 675.40

75 PayPal Fees \$ 112.89

85 Other Exp (Insurance \$300) \$ 300.00

95 Postage

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$ 6,116.20**

ENDING BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE 11/1/2024 \$ 12,365.93

PAYPAL ACCOUNT BALANCE

TOTAL SPOOM MA CASH ASSETS **\$ 12,365.93**

MEMBERSHIP TYPES	Year 2024
\$10 Discount Memberships	32
\$15 Basic Memberships	10
\$25 Sustaining Memberships	22
\$50 Organizational Members	15
TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS	79

NOTE: Members at the conference attended the board meeting for information and input without voting privileges. A member meeting was held immediately following the adjournment of the fall board meeting. These minutes are included below.

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President Dan Campbell called the meeting to order at 2:08 P.M.

Minutes of the October 7, 2023 meeting were approved with no changes.

New Business:

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There was a motion to elect this slate of nominations. Motion passed.

Additional Input from Members

Upcoming events:

June is the MidAtlantic “Milling Month”

Everyone should send mill related events to Judy so she can pass them on.

Education and SPOOM mission development:

The group discussed educational events that they have found created interest and opportunities to reach the larger public.

- There are multiple engineering themed educational programs at Colvin Mill.
- Angela Kramer suggested the benefits of virtual events to reach a wide audience.
- Also, at the Grain Fair this past October (Pierce Mill) Steve Childers represented SPOOM at the in-person fair, brought his daughter for support and also his handmade model to create public interest. This hands-on element was successful.

- Judy suggested that cooking / food / gathering for a meal is always appealing.
- Member Karen Peterson suggested that our group convert the Fall 2025 event (Union Mill) as more of an Open House, increasing and inviting the interested public. 2025 is the 20th anniversary of the Mid-Atlantic chapter.
 - Adam Thomas agreed to look into T-Shirts commemorating the event.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Reed, acting secretary