

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

**May 11, 2024
Semiannual Board Meeting**

Location: Nittany Antique Machinery Association Building, Centre Hall, PA
Attendance: Dan Campbell, Bob McLaughlin, Craig Sansonetti, Judy Grove, Angela Kramer, Lisa Reed for quorum. Sixteen additional chapter members as listed on Attachment A also attended the board meeting.

President Dan Campbell called the meeting to order at 1:15 P.M. and expressed thanks to Bob McLaughlin for hosting the meeting. He also introduced Angela Kramer and Lisa Reed, our newest board members.

Minutes of the October 2, 2023, meeting at Hellertown Historical Society were approved on a motion by Bob, seconded by Angela.

Finance: Treasurer Judy Grove presented the finance report as of May 6, which is appended to these minutes as Attachment B. The ending balance is \$14,403.93 with some bills from the meeting still to be paid. Our liability insurance with Erie Insurance was reduced from \$373 to \$300.

Membership: There are 69 current paid memberships. See Attachment C for details.

Website: The www.Spoommidatlantic.org website email contact was changed to Spoommidatlantic@gmail.com. Members are advised to add this to their safe senders list to ensure that they receive alerts via the website. In response to a question by Joann Smith, Judy advised that membership lists are not disseminated. However, meeting attendees receive contact information for those in attendance. Requests for additional contact information should be addressed to Judy via Spoommidatlantic@gmail.com and will be handled on an individual basis.

Project Reports: Ed Franco reported on Heishman's Mill which was restored by Randy Heishman. Grants were received from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for recreational use and Preservation PA for exterior repairs. Mindy Crawford of Preservation PA is applying for Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission grant funding for structural assessment and interpretation assistance and matching grant assistance from SPOOM was requested. Craig visited the mill to help identify equipment.

Old Business

Incorporation Status: SPOOM Mid-Atlantic received notice that our incorporation status is approved effective 10/13/2023 meaning we are exempt from federal income tax under IRS Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions made under IRS Section 170 and we are qualified as a public charity to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers, or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. We are also required to file an annual Form 990-N to maintain our status.

SPOOM Mid-Atlantic Grants: SPOOM MA will pay \$2000 to Anselma Mill upon completion of their 2023 project and submission of the final report.

Election of Officers:

Positions up for election at the fall meeting are:

- Dan Campbell, President (2024)
- Vacant, Vice President (writes the Old Mill News chapter articles) (2024)
- Steve Childers, Board Member (2024)

- Angela Kramer, Board Member (2024)

Officers whose terms continue are:

- Robert McLaughlin, Past President
- Craig Sansonetti, Secretary (2025)
- Judith Grove, Treasurer (2025)
- Charles Yeske, Board Member (2025)
- Lisa Reed, Board Member (2025)

A nominee for Vice President is needed

SPOOM MA 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 (Dan Campbell, Mark and Fran Fischer, Ivins and Joanne Smith, Lisa Reed, Angela Kramer, Judy Grove, Jean Sansonetti) and photos (Becky Glover).

New Business

Event Planning: A motion by Judy, seconded by Angela to appoint a planning committee to coordinate details for future events was adopted unanimously. Judy, Angela, and Lisa, in consultation with Dan, will comprise the committee.

SPOOM MA Facebook: Bob Lundegard was the administrator on the original Facebook page. His passing has made updates to the site and membership impossible. Adam Sieminski researched the steps to reactivate the page. A motion by Dan, seconded by Craig, and passed unanimously appointed Angela Kramer as the new administrator, authorizing her to submit the required documents to make these changes

Suggestions for Future Meeting Dates and Sites:

- Fall 2024 – Locke’s Mill (Sandy Lerner) in Berryville VA, Shepherd’s Mill (Adam Thomas) in Shepherdstown WV, and the Waterford Foundation in Waterford VA (Susan Manch) are included for the event. Possible dates are September 5 to 7 or October 17 to 20. The preferred dates of attendees at the meeting were September 5 to 7, The planning committee will finalize the details.

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
- 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.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Sansonetti, secretary, with assistance from Judy Grove, treasurer

NOTE: Since there was no business requiring a general membership meeting, members attended the board meeting for information and input without voting privileges. However, a membership meeting will be held this fall to elect officers. This meeting will be held immediately following the adjournment of the fall board meeting.

Attachment A

Attendees for May 9-11 Event at State College & Centre County						
B indicates Board Members attending the May 11 Board Meeting						
* indicates all others who attended the May 11 Board Meeting						
#	First Name	Last Name	*	Milling Connection	City	ST
1	Ethan	Bean		Archeologist	Halethorpe	MD
2	Dave	Bronson	*		Benton	PA
3	Linda	Bronson	*		Benton	PA
4	Carl	Brown		F M Browns Sons Inc Berks Co	Reading	PA
5	Thelma	Brown		F M Browns Sons Inc Berks Co	Reading	PA
6	Dan	Campbell	B	Preservation Architect, AIA	West Chester	PA
7	Lyuba	Dixon	*		Alexandria	VA
8	William	Dixon	*	Industrial Archaeology	Alexandria	VA
9	Fran	Fischer		Castle Valley Mill	Doylestown	PA
10	Mark	Fischer	*	Castle Valley Mill	Doylestown	PA
11	Ed	Franco	*	Historic Heishman's Mill PA	Plainfield	PA
12	Mary	Franco	*	Historic Heishman's Mill PA	Plainfield	PA
13	Becky	Glover	*	Local Historian	Royersford	PA
14	Judy	Grove	B	Wallace Cross Mill PA	York	PA
15	Cheryl	Hemler	*	Hemlers Saw Mill PA	Hanover	PA
16	Robert	Hemler, Jr	*	Hemlers Saw Mill PA	Hanover	PA
17	Bonnie	Ingram	*	Sprout Waldron Equipment	Muncy	PA
18	Galen	Ingram	*	Sprout Waldron Equipment	Muncy	PA
19	Angela	Kramer	B	Peirce Mill - DC	Chevy Chase	MD
20	Tom	Mechling		Former Mill Manager	Youngstown	OH
21	Lisa	Reed	B	Gore Mill - MD	Freeland	MD
22	Tim	Richards		Lockes Mill VA	Martinsburg	WV
23	Craig	Sansonetti	B	Muddy Creek Forks - PA	Airville	PA
24	Jean	Sansonetti	*	Muddy Creek Forks - PA	Airville	PA
25	Adam	Sieminski		Peirce Mill - Wash DC	Washington	DC
26	Laurie	Sieminski		Peirce Mill - Wash DC	Washington	DC
27	Ivins	Smith	*	Ret-Cooper Grist Mill NJ	Hackettstown	NJ
28	Joanne	Smith	*	Ret-Cooper Grist Mill NJ	Hackettstown	NJ
29	Margaret	Sultner	*	Former Sawmill Owner	York	PA
30	Chas	Wagner		Grimshaw Woolen Mill - PA	North East	PA
31	Karen	Wagner		Grimshaw Woolen Mill - PA	North East	PA
32	Robert	McLaughlin	B	NAMA Mill - PA	Centre Hall	PA

Attachments B and C

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

STARTING BALANCE 1/1/2024		\$	12,902.13
INCOME			
10 Membership Income	\$	725.00	
20 Donations	\$	50.00	
30 Spring Meeting Payments	\$	2,659.00	
40 Fall Meeting Registrations			
50 Other Income	\$	-	
TOTAL INCOME		\$	3,434.00
INCOME PLUS STARTING BALANCE		\$	16,336.13
EXPENSES			
35 Spring Meeting Expenses	\$	1,238.00	
45 Fall Meeting Expenses			
55 Mill and SPOOM Project Support	\$	-	
65 Website Costs	\$	337.70	
75 PayPal Fees	\$	56.50	
85 Other Exp (Insurance \$300)	\$	300.00	
95 Postage			
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$	1,932.20
ENDING BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE 5/6/2024		\$	14,403.93
PAYPAL ACCOUNT BALANCE			
TOTAL SPOOM MA CASH ASSETS		\$	14,403.93

MEMBERSHIP TYPES	Year 2024
\$10 Discount Memberships	29
\$15 Basic Memberships	7
\$25 Sustaining Memberships	19
\$50 Organizational Members	14
TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS	69