

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

**April 25, 2025
Semi-Annual Board Meeting**

Location: Park Pavilion at Charlestown Twp Park, Chester County, Pa
Attendance: Dan Campbell, Steve Childers, Judy Grove, Robert McLaughlin, Matthew Pyle for a quorum. Additional chapter members listed on Attachment A also attended the board meeting.

President Dan Campbell called the meeting to order at 12:50pm.

Minutes of the November 8, 2024 meeting at the Ayrshire Farm in Upperville, VA were approved on a motion by Steve and Becky Glover.

Finance and Membership: Treasurer Judy Grove presented the finance report as of April 18, which is appended to these minutes as Attachment B. The ending bank balance is \$13,236.73, with an additional amount of \$120.15 in the PayPal account adding to a total cash balance of \$13,356.88. The IRS has determined that SPOOM chapters cannot use the National SPOOM's tax-exempt status due to insufficient oversight of Chapter activities, therefore each Chapter must have their own tax status. The 2024 audit report completed by Matt Pyle was approved by the board as distributed via email prior to the meeting. There are 73 current paid memberships. See Attachment B for details.

Website: Questions received via the website are distributed to board members and other experts for answers. It seems to be working well.

Project Reports: (no project updates were discussed)

Event Planning Committee: Fall 2025 is planned to be at Union Mills, MD on Oct 9-11, but needs to be finalized. Andrew Lang will look into having the Spring 2026 meeting hosted by Sunrise Mill in Montgomery County. Union County is another possible 2026 meeting site.

Judy noted that the Events Planning Committee could use one more member to assist Dan, Angela and Lisa. Becky Glover volunteered to assist.

Steve questioned if we need to have in-person meetings twice per year. In discussion it was noted that only the Fall meeting is required per the by-laws, but the benefit to members to have the option to attend twice per year is worth the effort.

The Committee will make a standardized evaluation form to use for possible meeting sites.

Old Business

SPOOM Facebook Status: No update, Angela was unable to attend today.

SPOOM MA Newsletter Update: Individual attendees will continue to write articles about various sites from each meeting, then Judy will edit content and Rachel Zuch will prepare the

layout. The vice president is responsible for submitting information about the chapter events for Old Mill News. Since that position is vacant, Dan has been writing these.

Rudolf Hershey Flour Bag Collection: Susan Langley passed the collection of framed flour bags to Steve who is storing them for now but a permanent home is needed. National SPOOM archives at Newlin Mills is an appropriate possibility. Dan will bring it up at the National board meeting on May 12th. Steve has contacted the Delaware Ag Museum about displaying them as a temporary exhibit on loan from MA-SPOOM.

New Business

Vacancies to be Filled: Board positions expiring in 2025 include Judy Grove (current Treasurer), Lisa Reed, and Charles Yeske, plus there are two vacant officer positions, VP and Secretary. Elections for all will be held at the Fall board meeting.

A content editor is needed for the newsletters; Judy is currently filling that role.

Event planning will be helped by Becky's assistance, but more help is always welcome.

2025 Mid-Atlantic 20th Anniversary Meeting Planning: Frank Shriver and Sam Riley at Union Mills, MD offered that site where the original organizational meeting was held, to be done in conjunction with the Fall 2025 meeting. Details have to worked out, but might include an Anniversary Banquet on Thursday, tours on Friday, and an Information Fair on Saturday. A Thursday pre-event Miller training is also a possibility.

Suggestions and Input from Membership: The National SPOOM meeting is September 18-20 at Monticello, Kentucky, named after Thomas Jefferson's estate.

Steve has been representing MA-SPOOM for many years at the annual Grain Expo in Wash DC, attending to a booth with handouts. He asked for someone to do it this year. JoAnn and Ivins Smith volunteered to do so, and will get details from Steve.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 1:33pm

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Sutton

Attachment A: Event Participants

Attendees for April 24-26, 2025 Event in Chester County PA						
B indicates Board Members attending the April 25 Board Meeting						
* all others who attended the April 25 Board Meeting						
#	First Name	Last Name	*	Milling Connection	City	ST
1	Daniel	Campbell	B	Preservation Architect, AIA	West Chester	PA
2	Steve	Childers	B	Abbotts Mill DE	Wyoming	DE
3	Robert	Coblentz		Colvin Run Mill - VA	Springfield	VA
4	Joe	McCarthy		Lancaster County Timber Framers	York	PA
5	Josh	Coleman		Lancaster County Timber Framers	York	PA
6	Lyuba	Dixon		Industrial Archaeology Friend	Alexandria	VA
7	William	Dixon		Industrial Archaeology	Alexandria	VA
8	Rebecca	Glover	*	Local Historian	Royersford	PA
9	Judy	Grove	B	Wallace Cross Mill PA	York	PA
10	Cheryl	Hemler	*	Hemlers Saw Mill PA	Hanover	PA
11	Robert	Hemler, Jr	*	Hemlers Saw Mill PA	Hanover	PA
12	Bonnie	Ingram	*	Sprout Waldron Equipment	Muncy	PA
13	Galen	Ingram	*	Sprout Waldron Equipment	Muncy	PA
14	Nancy	Landis		Rohrer's Mill	Lancaster	PA
15	Andrew	Lang	*	Sunrise Mill	Schwenksville	PA
16	Robert	McLaughlin	B	NAMA Mill PA	Howard	PA
17	Matthew	Pyle	B	Hydroelectric Industry	York	PA
18	Craig	Sansonetti	*	Muddy Creek Forks - PA	Airville	PA
19	Jean	Sansonetti	*	Muddy Creek Forks - PA	Airville	PA
20	Ivins	Smith		Ret-Cooper Grist Mill NJ	Hackettstown	NJ
21	Joanne	Smith		Ret-Cooper Grist Mill NJ	Hackettstown	NJ
22	Margaret	Sultner	*	Former Sawmill Owner	York	PA
23	Larry	Sutton	*	Wagner Mill - Hellertown PA	Hellertown	PA
24	Chas	Wagner	*	Grimshaw Woolen Mill - PA	North East	PA
25	Karen	Wagner	*	Grimshaw Woolen Mill - PA	North East	PA

Attachment B: Finance and Membership Report

2025 SPOOM Mid-Atlantic Year-to-Date Finance Report				
STARTING BALANCE 1/1/2025				\$ 11,775.72
INCOME				
	10 Membership Income	\$ 720.00		
	20 Donations	\$ 100.00		
	30 Spring Meeting Payments	\$ 2,900.00		
	40 Fall Meeting Registrations	\$ -		
	50 Other Income	\$ -		
TOTAL INCOME			\$ 3,720.00	
INCOME PLUS STARTING BALANCE				\$ 15,495.72
EXPENSES				
	35 Spring Meeting Expenses	\$ 1,388.00		
	45 Fall Meeting Expenses	\$ -		
	55 Mill and SPOOM Project Support			
	65 Website Costs	\$ 337.70		
	75 PayPal Fees	\$ 82.38		
	85 Other Exp (Insurance \$300)	\$ 450.91		
	95 Postage			
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$ 2,258.99	
ENDING BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE 4/18/2025				\$ 13,236.73
PAYPAL ACCOUNT BALANCE				\$ 120.15
TOTAL SPOOM MA CASH ASSETS				\$ 13,356.88
	<u>MEMBERSHIP TYPES</u>	<u>Year 2025</u>		
	\$10 Discount Memberships	30		
	\$15 Basic Memberships	8		
	\$25 Sustaining Memberships	21		
	\$50 Organizational Members	14		
	TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS	73		