

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

**September 8, 2018
Semiannual Meeting**

Location: Union Mills, Westminster, MD
Attendees: See Attachment A

President Dan Campbell called the meeting to order at 10:01 A.M. and expressed the thanks of the chapter to Ivan and Marlene Lufriu for hosting the meeting at Union Mills. Ivan in turn expressed his thanks to Marlene, Sam Riley, Beth deFrancis Sun, and Judy Grove for their contributions to the organization of the meeting.

Minutes of the March 24, 2018, meeting at the Burwell-Morgan Mill in Millwood, VA, were approved as distributed.

Membership: Judy Grove reported that current paid memberships include 48 chapter/SPOOM (\$10), 11 chapter/non-SPOOM (\$15), 31 sustaining memberships (\$25), and 15 organizational memberships (\$50) for a total of 105 members.

Finance: Treasurer Judy Grove presented the finance report as of August 31, 2018, which is appended to these minutes as Attachment B. The beginning balance in the treasury as of January 1 was \$14,081.83. Since then there have been receipts of \$6118.90 and expenses of \$5140.71, producing an ending balance of \$15060.02. Fall meeting receipts through PayPal and some expenses including the caterer are not reflected in this report. They will be complete in the year-end report.

Website: Judy Grove reported that issues with the new website discussed at the spring meeting have mostly been resolved. The blog, however, is not yet working. Visitors to the site can see everything without having to log in. Members who wish to renew their memberships online must log in. Information on how to log in still needs to be provided to members. Judy will send out renewal information in the beginning of December.

Project Reports: Two project inquiries have been received recently and are summarized here. Don Vogt of Millersville, MD, is researching Mauck's (later Kauffman's) Mill, a mill on the Shenandoah River in Page County, VA, that was owned and operated by three generations of his family. He requested expert help in answering about a dozen questions dealing with mill equipment, water wheel versus turbine power, construction of mill dams, and the use of brand names for flour. The town of Friendsville, MD, is hoping to find a way to acquire the Unique Milling Company mill for preservation as a museum and visitor center. The mill is fully intact with all original equipment. It was powered by electricity generated by an adjacent hydro-power plant. The Friendsville Renewable Energy Committee hopes to rebuild the hydro-power race and plant to provide electricity to the town and electrical grid.

Old Business

SPOOM Mid-Atlantic Grants: There are currently no grant requests or grants in process. Dan Campbell noted that the chapter had offered to use profits from the 2017 SPOOM Conference to support producing a handbook with guidelines for organizing a national meeting. This has not been done to date. Some money may be available for distribution as grants, but an application process needs to be developed. Judy Grove suggested we look at our balance and annual

expenses to determine what could be available for grants. Dan Campbell will look into how chapter funds might be used to support projects in matching grant situations where chapter support could leverage other funds.

Incorporation Status: Bob McLaughlin reported that our application for incorporation as a Pennsylvania non-profit has been advertised as required, but we have not yet received a certificate of incorporation from the state. We must have the incorporation complete before we can proceed with application for federal tax exempt status.

SPOOM Mill Lists: Bob McLaughlin is now the national manager of mill lists for SPOOM. Dan Campbell noted that the mill lists are now readily accessible from the SPOOM website. The website also has a form to report corrections. Charlie Yeske suggested that there is still a need for a list of mills that are open to the public

Liability Insurance for Officers: At the spring meeting a motion was approved to purchase Directors and Officers Insurance for the chapter. This has not yet been done, and Sam Riley, who is an attorney, questioned the need for this coverage. He is willing to be consulted to determine what liability exposure chapter officers actually have and whether insurance is needed.

New Business

Election: Dan Campbell described the election process for Board of Directors and Officers, each of which serve for a two-year term. During even-numbered years, such as 2018, the president and vice-president are replaced or re-elected and two directors rotate off or stand for re-election. Marlene & Ivan Lufriu have decided to step down as directors, and we thanked them for their many years of dedicated service. Charles Yeske nominated Dan Campbell for President. The nomination was seconded by Susan Langley. The position of vice-president will remain open, in the absence of Adam Sieminski. Nate Bond, who was present at the meeeting, was nominated from the floor for director. Ivan Lufriu nominated Beth DeFrancis Sun for director subject to her approval. The slate of nominees will be submitted with 30-day's notice for vote by the membership in the fall of 2018 and board members and officers begin new terms on January 1, 2019.

Future Meetings: The 2019 spring meeting will be held in Staunton, VA, April 11 - 13 with McCormick's Mill as host. The Staunton Visitor Center will help with the organization of the meeting. Visits will include Wades Mill, Cyrus McCormick Farm and Mill, and the Museum of American Frontier Culture. The Comfort Inn will be the hotel.

A site for the 2019 fall meeting has not been determined. The Red Mill Museum in Clinton, NJ, is a possible site. The meeting would have to be in early to mid-September and could be held jointly with the Northeast Chapter. Other possible hosts are Whitehall Historical Preservation Society in the Allentown, PA area and Double Mills in Mardela Springs, MD.

Randy Huff 3-D mill drawings: The chapter has been contacted by Randy Huff who makes animated 3-D mill drawings. He has been coming to Wallace Cross Mill to make drawings there and is willing to offer his services to other mills. Sam Riley suggested that Huff's services could be useful in developing augmented reality interpretations for mills. It would also be possible for several mills to go together to develop animated drawings for a full generic Oliver Evans mill. Animated drawings could also be useful for exhibits that address accessibility issues in mills.

Flooding at Ellicott City, MD: Ellicott City, MD was struck by severe flooding on Memorial Day weekend. The Howard County government is now proposing to remove 10 historic buildings in an attempt to control flooding. Preservation Maryland believes removal of the buildings is unnecessary and will be only marginally effective. They are advocating for a different solution. Judy Grove sent out an e-mail to SPOOM-MA members with information on how to send a letter to government officials to express their opinions on this plan.

There being no further business William Dixon moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Margaret Sutner and was adopted unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:54 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chapter Meeting Attendees -- September 8, 2018**Attachment A**

	First Name	Last Name	Milling Connection
1	Nate	Bond	
2	Amy	Boyce	Historic Carpentry
3	Daniel	Campbell	Preservation Architect
4	Robert	Coblenz	
5	William	Dixon	Industrial Archaeology
6	Roger	Felix	SPOOM Member
7	Joshua	Fradel	Wye Mill
8	Rosalyn	Fradel	Wye Mill
9	Judy	Grove	Wallace Cross Mill PA
10	Cheryl	Hemler	Hemler Saw Mill PA
11	Robert	Hemler, Jr	Hemler Saw Mill PA
12	Susan	Langley	Underwater Archeologist
13	Ivan	Lufriu	Schriver Mill Union Mills - MD
14	Marlene	Lufriu	Schriver Mill Union Mills - MD
15	Carmen	Lutzke	Industrial Archaeology
16	John	Masti	Union Mills - MD
17	Ben	Ranney	Shoaff's Mill PA
18	Julie	Ranney	Shoaff's Mill PA
19	Samuel	Riley	Union Mills - MD
20	Elizabeth	Rounds	Red Mill Museum Village
21	Craig	Sansonetti	Muddy Creek Forks - PA
22	Jean	Sansonetti	Muddy Creek Forks - PA
23	Frank	Shriver	Union Mills - MD
24	Margaret	Sultner	Former Sawmill Owner
25	Charles	Yeske	Stover Myers Mill - PA

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SPOOM MidAtlantic Finance Report - 2018 Year to Date

BEGINNING BALANCE 1/1/2018	\$ 14,081.83
INCOME	
10 Membership Income	\$ 1,120.00
20 Donations	\$ 565.00
30 Spring Meeting Payments	\$ 3,340.00
40 Fall Meeting Payments	\$ 750.00
50 Other Income	\$ 343.90
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 6,118.90
BEGINNING BALANCE PLUS INCOME	\$ 20,200.73
EXPENSES	
35 Spring Meeting Expense	\$ 2,004.47
45 Fall Meeting Expense	\$ 1,702.00
65 Website Costs	\$ 691.55
75 PayPal Fees	\$ 88.73
85 Other Expenses	\$ 528.96
95 Miscellaneous	\$ 125.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 5,140.71
ENDING BALANCE 8/31/2018	\$ 15,060.02