

## SUSQUEHANNOCK TRAIL CLUB MINUTES

The October 2021 meeting was held Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> at the Lyman Run State Park pavilion under cloudy skies, cool temps and heavy misting. Dish to share picnic was at noon followed by the monthly business meeting.

There were 19 members present: Wanda Shirk, John Zimmer, Lois Morey, Bill Boyd, Wayne Baumann, Helen Bernhardt, Dave & Roxanne McMillan, Tom & Jayne Fitzgerald, Larry Holtzapple, Doug Wetherbee, Curt & Penny Weinhold, Gary Buchanan, Chris Bell, Beth Lounsbury, Bob Ross, Michelle Lockwood.

President Wanda Shirk called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm with the reading of the minutes of last meeting by Roxanne McMillan. Motion made by Wayne Baumann to accept minutes as read and seconded by Helen Bernhardt. Motion carried.

### TREASURER'S REPORT by Bill Boyd:

A treasurer's report was presented

### TRAILS REPORT by Bill Boyd:

- 103 trail hours for September with 79 volunteers - 1,522 trail hours for the year

### NEW MEMBERS by Lois Morey:

- Ted Krug, Saint Marys, PA (Complimentary)
- Donnie Whitney, Roulette, PA (Complimentary)
- Michael Cole, Pittsburgh, PA
- Michael & Christine Koons, Danville, PA
- Michelle Lockwood, Wellsboro, PA
- Joshua & Laura Smoker, Coudersport, PA
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- Helen & Joe Fahy, Galeton, PA
- Joseph Thompson, Alpine, NY

### CIRCUIT HIKER REPORT by Lori Szymanik: (Read by Lois Morey)

- #1247 – Daryl Heisey
- 1248 – Emily Ebaugh
- 1249 – Ellen Bowman
- 1250 – Rebecca Kaiser
- 1251 – Sam Kaiser
- 1252 – Mike Cole

## OLD BUSINESS:

- President Wanda thanked all who recently staffed the booths at the Galeton Fall Festival and the Falling Leaves Fest at Coudersport. Very good attendance with sales totaling over \$300 including several new memberships.
- There are currently two circuit hiker logs in the review and approval process.
- Dave McMillan and Chad Rugh are working together gathering information for the Guthook application. Some paperwork is on the way to Guthook. Ben Cramer has provided GPS track. It is a learning curve. Need a new GPS track in the Hogback for updated trail info. Dave and Chad will develop the text to go along with the GPS track and map. STC will own the text and map.
- Motion made by John Zimmer and seconded by Jane Fitzgerald that Dave McMillan purchase two GPS units for purposes of the Guthook development, including software.
- Planning two additional shelters for 2022 – one in the lower end of the Hogback and the other in Ford Hollow. Status of Footbridge Camp Lane: After much difficulty in locating a heavy-duty trailer to haul his backhoe, Joe Allis has finally been able to work on ditching, putting in sluice pipe, and grading. He has worked two days and plans to go back this coming week to finish the job, weather permitting. The roadway should be drier next year with the water drained off it so that our trailers with shelter materials can safely be trucked in to the Bolich Run shelter site.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- Due to the ongoing Covid pandemic, we do not plan to have any indoor meetings in the next few months. John Zimmer brought up the possibility of having the annual winter frolic for socializing and having the awards program, but we would have to know by end of December if it would be possible to consider this inside activity or not. Perhaps it would be best to wait for a spring meeting.
- There is interest in slackpacking various sections of the STC next year.
- Fall issue of the newsletter is at the printer now.
- Last year (2020) 8 organizations (6 rail trails, 2 hiking trails including the STS) applied for the 2021 PA Trail of the Year Award. Two years out of 3 it goes to the rail trails. Currently the STS and Laurel Highland Trail are competing. Wanda recommends the STC apply again this year. Dave McMillan would like to reformat it now that he has learned the submittal process. There is a \$10,000 grant that goes to the winner of this award, plus a lot of publicity. Think positive....we will get this award one of these years!

MEETING ADJORNED: 1:45 pm.