

## NOVEMBER 2023 SUSQUEHANNOCK TRAIL CLUB MINUTES

**\*\*Note: The October 2023 meeting was canceled due to weather\*\***

The November 2023 meeting was held Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> at Sweden Hill Church in Coudersport, PA. The following 24 members enjoyed a dish-to-pass picnic at noon followed by the business meeting: Wanda Shirk, Dave Hajzus, Dwina Hajzus, Gary Buchanan, Alice Buchanan, John Halter, Jan Halter, Carol Szymanik, Gary Russell, Susie Gribble, Lori Szymanik, Aniela Oliver, Bill Boyd, Janet Smith, Henry Fuller, Penny Weinhold, Curt Weinhold, Daniel E. Holmes, June Caldwell, Ron Hallet, Karen Hallet, Bob Hayes, Wayne Baumann, Elizabeth Kapoor.

We also had 2 Guests: Becky Chapell, Wendy Burrous from Clear to Ride.

President Wanda Shirk called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm with the reading of the September 2023 meeting minutes by Lori Szymanik. Motion made by Alice Buchanan to accept minutes as read and seconded by Janet Smith. Motion carried.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT by Bill Boyd:**

Beginning Balance:	\$ 5094.73
Debits (expenditures):	\$ 1829.92
Credits (receipts):	\$ 419.83
Current Balance:	\$ 3679.64

Expenses included food/gas for the Mennonite trail crew (\$673.31), trailer license and spare tire (\$282.99), summer and fall newsletters (\$680.16).

### **TRAILS REPORT by Bill Boyd:**

17 volunteers completed 258 hours during the month of October. The total number for the year so far is 2545 hours.

### **NEW MEMBERS by Lois Morey:**

- Richard Nelson, Coopersburg, PA (September)
- Janene McAteer, Ulysses, PA

- Alan Seitzinger, Coudersport, PA
- Jeffrey Trought, Bloomsburg, PA

### **CIRCUIT HIKER REPORT by Lori Szymanik:**

- 1305 Timothy Kane “NikoWolf”, Hatboro, PA
- 1306 Randall Jacob “Wildboy” Stafford, Felton, DE

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Thank you to John and Jan Halter for lumber from PA Lumber Museum. It can be used for signs and shelters.
- Pine marten reintroduction—please write a short email in support of reintroduction of the pine marten. See your email for link.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- There was a fire at the McConnell Road Shelter on November 10 around 10:00 pm. The club wants to be sure there is water at the shelters for putting out fires and perhaps some other tools and signage.
- A Circuit Hiker award presented to David Hajzus.
- Becky Chapell, our guest, spoke about the organization she and other equestrians formed called “Clear to Ride.” They are clearing red trails—which are shared by equestrians, hikers, and mountain bikers. They are hoping to make access to trails easy and to make it clear to visiting horseback riders where and where not to ride. Hikers and equestrians share some trails—Lick Ridge, East Fork Trail, West Branch Trail, North Link Trail, and South Link Trail. “Clear to Ride” would like to collaborate with us and would like help/advice for creating a trail club like ours.
- Our annual Susquehannock Trail Club Christmas Party will be held at Sweden Valley Church on December 9, 2023 at noon. A donation is needed to rent the

hall. A motion to make \$50 donation was made by Penny Weinhold. Second by June Caldwell and Gary Russell. Please bring a \$10-15 gift for the gift exchange.

- Bill Boyd shared that we have many have options for a trail shelter for 2024. The following are suggested locations:
  - Mile 1 on the Ridge Trail
  - Mile 13 at the Fire Tower Trail,
  - Mile 13.6 at the block building by the Cherry Springs Fire Tower.
- Bill Boyd shared that we have received \$259.30 from Far Out App.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm.

The next meeting will be held at Sweden Valley Church at noon on December 9, 2023.

Meeting minutes taken and submitted by Lori Szymanik