FEBRUARY 2026 SUSQUEHANNOCK TRAIL CLUB MINUTES

The February 2026 Meeting was held on Saturday, February 21 at the Pennsylvania Lumber Museum in Ulysses Township, PA. A dish to pass lunch began at noon followed by a business meeting at 1:00 pm. There were 32 members in attendance: Wanda Shirk, John Zimmer, Lois Morey, Lori Szymanik-Oliver, Chad Rugh, June Caldwell, Doug Wetherbee, Ron Heath, Jan Thierfelder, Michael Thierfelder, Dave Errick, Wayne Baumann, Larry Holtzapple, Wendell Troyer, Dennis Troyer, Penny Weinhold, Curt Weinhold, Daniel E. Holmes, Jay Stuckey, Barb Miller, Alice Buchanan, Gary Buchanan, Bill Boyd, Janet Smith, Pat Childs, Joe Allis, Barb Allis, Sharon Kottwitz, Elizabeth Kapoor, Aniela Oliver, Ed Szymanik, Carol Szymanik
And 1 guest: Nate Confer

Following a dish-to-pass lunch, President Wanda Shirk called the meeting to order at 1:50 pm. January meeting minutes were read by Lori Szymanik-Oliver. Janet Smith made a motion to accept the minutes. Wayne Baumann seconded the motion. Minutes adopted unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT FROM by Jay Stuckey:

BEGINNING BALANCE			$1,734.12
TOTAL INCOME			$3,483.50
TOTAL EXPENSES			$1,302.89
ENDING BALANCE			$3,914.73

*As of December 31, 2025

TRAILS REPORT by Bill Boyd:

- There have been 160 volunteers hours so far this year. Joe Allis has been grooming cross country ski trails.

NEW MEMBERS by Lois Morey:

Regular Memberships

- Kate Fleischer, Saegertown, PA
- Alex and Mike Levitzke, Galeton, PA
- Geri Stahr, Grantville, PA

Regular Life Memberships

- Jessica Nelson-Jones, Woodworth, LA

Senior Life Memberships

- Robert Schrock, Meyersdale, PA (has been a regular member since 2012)

CIRCUIT HIKER REPORT by Lori Szymanik:

- 1370 Matthew Doolittle, Pittsford, NY

HIKE REPORT:

- Pat Childs encouraged members to lead hikes and shared hike ideas with club members which included completing sections as club hikes or inviting others along to help with maintaining a section. She sent a sign up sheet around for members to write down STS sections they would like to complete.
- Camporee hikes will need to be planned. Our meal is at 2:00 pm rather than in the evening—consider this for planning hikes.
- Chad Rugh will post hikes on the website. Curt Weinhold will post them on Facebook. Bill Boyd can publish upcoming hikes in the newspaper if given enough notice.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Nate Confer, Recreation Forester from Susquehannock State Forest, explained that volunteers in the state forest district and on the STS are covered under Pennsylvania state's workman's comp. He shared the updated website for volunteers. Volunteers must register on the website and submit their hours. Nate helped members to register on the website during the meeting.
- Purple Lizard Maps are creating a map for Susquehannock State Forest. Map creators will be at the Forestry Office on Monday February 23, 2026 at 11:00 am. Club members are invited to attend.
- It's time to spring around the trail and maintain your sections.

- Wendell and Dennis Troyer were introduced. The Troyer family recently bought the Nine Mile Cabins and they are new members of STC. Dennis is a student at Northern Potter High School. He would like to do 20 hours of trail work for community service.
- We were made aware of a rumor of a data center being built in the Susquehannock State Forest below Ole Bull State Park. This rumor is false.
- It is election year! We are looking for a vice president and 1 advisory board member. A decision must be made by March 31.
- Our next meeting on March 14 in the Winter Frolic Dinner at the Susquehannock Lodge. George Conrad from Standing Stone Trail will be our guest speaker.
- Our April meeting will be held at Brookland Retreat Center, 3714 Fox Hill Road, Ulysses, PA 16948.
- On May 4-7, 2026 the Outdoor Corps will be working with Chris Bell.
- Janet Smith shared that the Camporee is on the 2nd weekend in August from the 6th to the 9th. The newsletter had the wrong date.
- John Zimmer shared that the April meeting and is the same day as the Kettle Creek Outdoor Show. Volunteers are needed to help from 9:00am - 3:00pm.
- Curt Weinhold has requested help with posting on the STS Facebook page
- Chad Rugh will put instructions on our website for registering as a volunteer in the State Forest.
- Wanda shared the updated Susquehannock Trail Club brochure. Members encouraged to take and share brochures.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

The next meeting will be held at the Susquehannock Lodge at 5:00 pm on March 14, 2026.

Meeting minutes taken and submitted by Lori Szymanik-Oliver