

MAY 2022 SUSQUEHANNOCK TRAIL CLUB MINUTES

The May 2022 meeting was held Saturday the 14th at Lyman Run State Park in Galeton, PA. The following 19 members enjoyed a dish-to-pass picnic in the pavilion following by a business meeting: Wanda Shirk, John Zimmer, Bill Boyd, Lois Morey, Roxanne McMillan, Dave McMillan, Joe Allis, Barb Allis, Jayne Fitzgerald, Tom Fitzgerald, Helen Bernhardt, Donna Batterson, Wayne Baumann, Beth Lounsberry, Elizabeth Kapoor, Henry Fuller, Courtney Fedalen, Lori Szymanik, Abe Peachy

The picnic began at 12:00pm. The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by club president, Wanda Shirk.

April 2022 meeting minutes by Roxanne McMillan were read by Lori Szymanik. Wayne made a motion to approve the minutes. Helen seconded the motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT by Bill Boyd:

A treasurer's report was presented.

TRAILS REPORT by Bill Boyd:

- 478 volunteer hours completed by 34 volunteers
- Starting on May 2, 2022, Abe Peachy from CASP worked on the STS. Some STC members volunteered on the trail with Abe while others provided transportation or meals. The trail club is grateful for Abe's hard work.
- Sections that were improved upon:
 - Williams Farm/Stony Run- blowdowns, small bridges across tributary and Stony Run, pulaski work trail cutting and widening.
 - Scoval Branch Shelter- cleaned site, stacked firewood, trail leveling, trail clearing from Scoval to Shephard Road.
 - Porter Branch- scoped it out for a future bridge. It's possible that lumber will need to be milled at the site to make it the appropriate size for the bridge.

- Hammersley sidehill planned for upcoming week. Abe will work with D-15 recreation forester Nate Confer the following week.
- Update on Short Run/Camp Lane- Internet installation trucks have made giant ruts in the lane that leads to where Bolich Run Shelter is planned to be built.

NEW MEMBERS submitted by Lois Morey:

- Eamonn Connor, Philadelphia, PA
- Abraham “Abe” Peachy, East Waterford, PA (CASP)

CIRCUIT HIKER REPORT (since October) by Lori Szymanik:

- 1253 Elizabeth Atchison, Lansdale, PA
- 1254 Mike Miller, Lansdale, PA
- 1255 Katie Barok, Voorhees, NJ
- 1256 Sandy Byard, Matawan, NJ
- 1257 Barb Miller, Westfield, PA
- 1258 Sherry Hoffman, Coudersport, PA
- 1259 Leigh Moore, State College, PA
- 1260 Jim Moore, State College, PA
- 1261 Danielle Lanagan, State College, PA
- 1262 Mike Lanagan, State College, PA
- 1263 Dan Naperman, State College, PA
- 1264 Lisa Naperman, State College, PA
- 1265 Jeff Hobbs, Ithaca, NY

- 1266 Mark Dickerson, Dundee, NY
- 1267 Warren Renninger, Muncy Valley, PA

OLD BUSINESS:

- Quarterly check received from Far Out app. Over \$1000 sold of STS map so far. This is impressive for the first quarter. STS is the only loop east of Mississippi.
- Chad Rugh had QR code cards made to direct people to the Far Out app map. These cards can be taken to events, shelters, and register boxes.

NEW BUSINESS:

- KTA—consider becoming a member! We received a \$500 grant from KTA for Abe to come and for a new trail cutting tool. In the past KTA has provided us tools and trail care.
- Dry shelters—we would like volunteers to make sure there is drinking water at trail shelters. “Shelter supervisors” adopt a shelter.
- Events-
 - We did not have a presence at the Maple Festival due to weather and illness.
 - Volunteers encouraged to be at God’s Country Marathon water station on June 4th, 2022.
 - Volunteers will at the Eliot Ness Festival on July 15-17th, 2022.
- For the future: Discussed creating a committee to market the club—especially to younger people. Potential ideas: hiking schedule published in newsletter to revamp hiking program, push to get 30/40 year olds interested in club, give a budget to the committee to get young families/younger people involved in club, create a family event/picnic.

- Creating loop trails: Dave and Larry are scouting for trails and working on mapping. So far they have an 11 mile, 6-7 mile loop, and are working on 3-4 mile loop. Nate Confer (D15 recreation forester) is involved and supportive of the loop hikes. These can be added to the Far Out app.
- Bill would like to get crew together to clean up mess on Osborne trail—post rotted, signs are good.
- Add info from phone screenshots from Donna Batterson

NEXT MEETINGS:

June 4, 2022, 12 pm, Lyman Run Pavilion

July 9, 2022, 12 pm Donna Batterson's house

MEETING ADJOURNED: 2:15 PM by Wanda