

APRIL 2023 SUSQUEHANNOCK TRAIL CLUB MINUTES

The April 2023 meeting was held Saturday the 8th at the Sweden Hill Church. The following 33 members enjoyed a dish-to-pass picnic at noon followed by the business meeting: Wanda Shirk, Wayne Baumann, John Halter, Jan Halter, John Zimmerman, Gene Neefe, Roxanne McMillan, Dave McMillan, Tim Morey, Lois Morey, Bill Morey, Helen Bernhardt, Pat Childs, Joe Allis, Barb Allis, Jayne Fitzgerald, Tom Fitzgerald, David Hajzus, Dwina Hajzus, Daniel Holmes, Tim Kane, Joe Thompson, Bob Hayes, Bill Boyd, Emily Shosh, Kerisa Gockley, Evan Martin, Aria Martin, Heather Klimek, Joy Klimek, Janet Smith, Lori Szymanik, Aniela Oliver

President Wanda Shirk called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm with the reading of the October 2022 meeting minutes by Lori Szymanik. Motion made by John Zimmer to accept minutes as read and seconded by Jayne Fitzgerald. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT by Bill Boyd:

Beginning Balance:	\$7191.14
Debits (expenditures):	\$854.41
Credits (receipts):	\$853.00
Current Balance:	\$7189.73

TRAILS REPORT by Bill Boyd:

Sixteen volunteers completed 300 hours of trail work by the end of March.

NEW MEMBERS by Lois Morey:

- David and Dwina Hajzus, Coudersport, PA

CIRCUIT HIKER REPORT by Lori Szymanik:

Fourteen new circuit hikers have been approved since our last meeting.

- 1282 Emily Mishler

- 1283 Eamonn Connor
- 1284 Sheldon Hess
- 1285 Anderson Beachy
- 1286 Adam Byler
- 1287 Tayshone Davis
- 1288 Joseph Durbin
- 1289 Dawson Michaels
- 1290 Ben Schwartz
- 1291 Joe Shrock
- 1292 Tyler Stephen
- 1293 Jayce Weaver
- 1294 Michael VanMeter
- 1295 Adam Wohlever

OLD BUSINESS:

Wanda gave out trail work volunteer awards. Lori Szymanik received a shirt. Bill Boyd earned a well deserved “Leadership” patch. Bill Boyd, Larry Holtzapple, Doug Wetherbee, Joe Allis, and Mark Kelly all received a tote bag and hat for their volunteer hours.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Wayne Baumann shared the history of the church (where meeting was held) and the school. He has been restoring both buildings as they are on his property. Photo albums from the past were available to look at.

- Joe Allis has made 2 new benches to be placed along the trail. One is in memory of Greg Vincent, a Canadian hike leader that brought many visitors to the STS. The other is in memory of Ryan Fairbank, a trail club member who passed away from brain cancer.
- Dave McMillan passed along some of his responsibilities to other club members—Chad Rugh will take over the website and the FarOut app. Tim Morey will take over data management. Lori Szymanik will work on artwork for brochures and other publications. Dan Holmes, a new member and volunteer, will take over the newsletter responsibilities.
- Discussed that the club would like to have someone step up as an event chairman. This person would go to events and set up our table with info about STS/STC. They would also organize people to run the table. Lois Morey has written up all the job duties and events. This information is available to email to anyone who might be interested.
- John Halter and Chip Harrison have made Little Free Libraries for Lyman Run State Park and Ole Bull State Park campgrounds. The club is looking for someone to make Little Free Libraries for shelters on the trail.
- The club could use people to maintain shelters.
- There are four sections of trail that need maintainers—Short Run to Hungry Hollow (this section could be divided), Scoville area, Osborne Run, Porter Branch
- Tools for new volunteer maintainers will be provided-loppers, handsaw.
- The Ford Hollow Shelter will be built this year.
- Bill Boyd has been routing signs. New signs include info on mileage to next destination. Let Bill know if new signage is needed anywhere.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:08 pm.

Meeting minutes taken and submitted by Lori Szymanik