

## **JANUARY 2024 SUSQUEHANNOCK TRAIL CLUB MINUTES**

The January 2024 meeting was held Saturday the 13th at Pennsylvania in Ulysses, PA. The following 18 members and 1 guest enjoyed a dish-to-pass picnic at noon followed by the business meeting: Wanda Shirk, Wayne Baumann, Joel Caldwell, June Caldwell, Gary Buchanan, Lori Szymanik, Scott Lee, Bob Hayes, Bill Morey, Lois Morey, Janet Smith, Susie Gribble, John Halter, Jan Halter, John Zimmer, Alice Buchanan, Gary Russell, Larry Holtzaple, Lois Y. Wolfenebergen (Guest).

President Wanda Shirk called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm with the reading of the December 2023 meeting minutes by Lori Szymanik. All approved minutes by saying "aye."

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

A treasurer's report was presented.

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

2 volunteers completed 11 hours during the month of December. The total number for the 2023 is 2698 hours. This is our 2nd highest in 17 years.

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

- Dave and Dwina Hajzus have upgraded to Life Membership!

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

- No new circuit hikers to report.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Still no news from the individuals involved in the Gravel Lick shelter fire. There has been no response to emails or voicemails.
  - Discussion and recap on what happened at the shelter.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- It's been windy—in the spring we will need to get out onto the trail with chainsaws.
- It is officer election year— which occurs every 2 years. We need new officers— treasurer (someone local to coordinate with Lois to \$\$ from events, sales, memberships, etc.), vice president, and president.
  - March 31st is the deadline for next newsletter. Names for the ballot will need to be included.
  - New officers would start in May
- Jim Bull (owner of The Brown Bull Restaurant, Galeton) went for a walk on the STS. His adventure, a 19 minute long video, was posted on Solomon's Words, a website/blog for local news. He thought he was on STS, but he was not.
  - The group talked about the need better signage from the parking lot at the District 15 forestry office to STS Northern Gateway. Changing the location of access trail was discussed. Larry Holtzapple pointed out that we must make sure DCNR is okay with changing the location of the access trail.
  - John Zimmer brought up the point that with Denton Hill re-opening in the future, perhaps we should focus on signage rather than changing the access trail. Denton Hill will bring various types of forest users who may be on other area trails.

- The group discussed future meeting locations, such as, Cherry Springs State Park Pavilion, Mitchell Park, CARP Park, and Galeton Park. If anyone has ideas for indoor meeting spaces, please share them.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 pm.

The next meeting, the *\*\*February Frolic\*\**, will be held at Susquehannock Lodge at on February 10, 2024.

Meeting minutes taken and submitted by Lori Szymanik