

## **JULY 2024 SUSQUEHANNOCK TRAIL CLUB MINUTES**

The July 2024 meeting was held Saturday the 13th at The Pennsylvania Lumber Museum. Members enjoyed a dish-to-pass lunch followed by a business meeting. There were 26 members in attendance: Wanda Shirk, John Zimmer, Lori Szymanik, Penny Weinhold, Curt Weinhold, Susie Gribble, Joe Thompson, Daniel E. Holmes, Paul Fedalen, Bob Hayes, Barry Fry, Henry Fuller, Chad Rugh, Dave McMillan, Jayne K. Fitzgerald, Elizabeth Kapoor, Wayne Baumann, Joe Allis, Barbara Allis, Jack Buckwalter, Bill Boyd, Doug Wetherbee, Larry Holtzapple, Ron Heath, Rick Nelson, Gary Russell.

President Wanda Shirk called the meeting to order at 1:00 with the reading of the June 2024 meeting minutes by Lori Szymanik. Gary Russell made a motion to accept the minutes. Jayne Fitzgerald seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT by Steve Erway:**

Prepared by Steve Erway, Treasurer

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

The Cherry springs shelter is built and ready to be camped in! Doug Wetherbee's eleven year old grandson put almost all of the screws in the Cherry Springs shelter. This shelter has a shovel, rake, broom, and chairs. Almost all of the lumber was donated by the PA Lumber Museum.

If anyone has extra 5 gallon buckets or rakes/shovels, they can be used at shelters for catching rain water to put out fires.

The Gravel Lick Shelter replacement is coming soon.

There are 514 volunteer hours for June. Thirty-eight volunteers have worked a total of 1543 total hours for the year so far.

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

Senior individual life membership: David "Cyril" Quatrone, Center Valley, PA

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

1318 Doug Copeland

1319 Ollie Copeland

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Dave McMillan reported on the newsletter status— a request has been placed in the newsletter for people to switch to electronic delivery.
- On June 25, 9 members enjoyed a bird walk on Hopper House Hollow Trail with Matt Schenk an environmental educator at Sinnemahoning State Park and a member of our trail club. Members saw and heard many birds.
- On June 16, 10 hikers led by Wayne Baumann trekked from the Cherry Springs Firetower to West Branch. The mountain laurel was in full bloom.
- Future hike leaders, please send a snippet of info and photos about the hike to Daniel Holmes so that they can be added to the Google group.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Larry Holtzapple shared safety precautions for using the Stihl hand pruners saw. It is important to have 2 hands on the saw while cutting to avoid injury. It is not meant to cut thick branches.**
- Daniel Holmes will post hike reports through google groups. Please sign up or contact Daniel if you would like to be included in STC google group.
- Daniel suggested having new STC shirts made with an updated design. Members indicated that they are interested in purchasing new shirts.
- Rick Nelson joined our meeting today. He is a member but does not live locally. He resides near the Appalachian Trail in Pennsylvania. He shared that hikes in his local area are listed on the trail club websites with links to meetup.com where hikers can sign up. The hikes are also listed on Facebook. He suggested we check it out.
- Waiver forms are required for upcoming hikes. The hike leader will collect info and signatures prior to the hike and then send them to Pat Childs to keep on file.
- There will be a ceremony at Fishing Creek Cemetery on August 3rd, 2024 to inter Tom Fitzgerald.

### **UPCOMING GUIDED HIKES**

- Lori Szymanik's hike, July 21, Denton Hill to Susquehannock Lodge via STS, Ahn Trail, and Brown Trail, 5.5 miles
- Larry Holtzapple's hike, July 27, Cherry Springs Fire Tower, Wingard, and Cross Trails, 4 miles
- John Zimmer's hike, August 10, Lieb Run hike, aka "Ice Cream Run," 2.5 miles.
- Wanda Shirk's hike, August 10, Cherry Springs Shelter hike—Cross Trail, Hopper House Hollow Trail, Wingard Trail, 4 miles.
- Daniel Holmes will do the Fred Woods hike in August with a visit to Little Museum afterwards. This hike is 4.5 miles. Date TBD.

Meeting adjourned 2:09 pm.

The next meeting will be held at the Ole Bull State Park at 5:00pm during the annual Camporee on Saturday, August 10, 2024.

Meeting minutes taken and submitted by Lori Szymanik