

JANUARY 2026 SUSQUEHANNOCK TRAIL CLUB MINUTES

The January 2026 Meeting was held on Saturday, January 10 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 25 members in attendance: Wanda Shirk, John Zimmer, Jay Stuckey, Lori Szymanik-Oliver, Seth Batterson, Larry Holtzapple, Nick Galante, Doug Wetherbee, Wayne Baumann, Jayne Fitzgerald, Jeremy Fitzgerald, Curt Weinhold, Penny Weinhold, Joe Thompson, Daniel E. Holmes, Angela Jackson, Ron Heath, Chris Bell, Bill Boyd, Janet Smith, Barb Miller, Susie Gribble, Alice Buchanan, Gary Buchanan, and Janifer Halter.

And 6 guests: Nate Confer, Lloyd Beery, Fern Beery, Jack Beery, Alexandra Levitzke, Ezra Levitzke

Following a dish-to-pass lunch, President Wanda Shirk called the meeting to order at 12:55 pm. December meeting minutes were read by Lori Szymanik-Oliver. Janet Smith made a motion to accept the minutes. Angela Jackson seconded the motion. Minutes adopted unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT FROM by Jay Stuckey:

BEGINNING BALANCE			\$2,110.21
TOTAL INCOME			\$627.00
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$1,003.09
ENDING BALANCE			\$1,734.12

*As of December 31, 2025

TRAILS REPORT by Bill Boyd:

- No trail report.

NEW MEMBERS by Lois Morey:

- No new members to report.

CIRCUIT HIKER REPORT by Lori Szymanik:

- No new circuit hikers to report.

HIKE REPORT:

- None to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Discussed future meeting locations and dates:**
 - **The February meeting will be held on the 3rd Saturday, the 21st of February at the PA Lumber Museum.**
 - **Our March meeting will occur on the 2nd Saturday, March 14, beginning at 5:00pm at the Susquehannock Lodge.**
 - **The April meeting will be held at the Brookland Retreat Center on the 2nd Saturday, the 11th.**
 - **The May meeting will be on the 3rd Saturday, May 16, at the PA Lumber Museum**
- The Veterans group trail run has been canceled due to neither enough interest nor enough training time. They will make a new plan for the year of 2027.
- From May 4th-7th, The PA Outdoor Corps Crew will be coming to work in the Hammersley.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Potter County Conservation District is asking for a donation for Potter County Envirothon. John Zimmer made a motion to donate \$100. Jayne Fitzgerald seconded the motion. All members agreed.
- Upper Allegheny Watershed Association asking for \$25 donation. Tabled until further details about management practices.
- Nate Confer, recreation forester from Susquehannock State Forest, shared what the district has been work on:
 - The focus for 2025 was on maintaining Hammersley Wild Area trails. This included lots of ash tree removal.

- In 2026, the focus will be on Gods Country Shared Use trails—80 some miles of trail.
- Fun fact: Susquehannock State Forest is the 2nd largest state forest- second to Sproul State Forest.
- There was an open discussion on ATVs and other forest users.
- Wanda expressed gratitude on behalf of the Susquehannock Trail Club to Nate and District 15 for all of the work they have done in the forest and with us on the trail!
- Joe Thompson's friend made 10 rakes. They have been donated to use in the STS trail shelters to extinguish campfires.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

The next meeting will be held at the Pennsylvania Lumber Museum at 12:00 pm on February 21, 2026.

Meeting minutes taken and submitted by Lori Szymanik-Oliver