

MAY 2025 SUSQUEHANNOCK TRAIL CLUB MINUTES

The May 2025 Meeting was held on Saturday, May 10 at the Pennsylvania Lumber Museum in Ulysses Township, PA. A dish to pass lunch began at noon followed by a business meeting at 1:00pm There were 28 members in attendance: Wanda Shirk, John Zimmer, Lois Morey, Bill Boyd, Lori Szymanik, Paul Fedalen, Jan Halter, John Halter, Charles Kern, Doug Wetherbee, Barb Miller, Henry Fuller, Janet Smith, David C. Hajzus, Dwina Hajzus, Susie Gribble, David Errick, Pat Childs, Wayne Baumann, Penny Weinhold, Curt Weinhold, Roxanne McMillan, Dave McMillan, Joe Nachtwey, Helen Bernhardt, Steve Erway, Cyril Quatrone, Joe Myatovich

One guest was in attendance: Todd Brown, DentonGo Concessionaire

Some members are representing the club at the King of the Wing Cook Off in Galetton today.

Following a dish-to-pass lunch, President Wanda Shirk called the meeting to order at 1:00 February minutes were read by recording secretary Lori Szymanik. John Zimmer made a motion to accept the minutes. Susie Gribble seconded the motion. Minutes adopted unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT by Steve Erway:

BEGINNING BALANCE			\$11,740.62
TOTAL INCOME			\$2301.22
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$733.99
ENDING BALANCE			\$13,307.85

TRAILS REPORT by Bill Boyd:

- Trail maintainers have put in 621 hours so far. Around 25 sections of the STS have been cleared.
- Future bridge repairs were reviewed
 - Ted's Truss Bridge— it its not getting any worse, but needs extra support.
 - Cross Fork Creek Bridge—water level is currently high.
 - Yochum Run— there is a log road in for easy access and a handy tree nearby to make a bridge.

- If using the new spray paint, be sure to practice before blazing on trees. There are mixed reviews on the precision of painting with the spray cans. Blazes should be uniform.
- Tip: use wire brush (or paint scraper) prior to applying blaze paint. It will last longer.

NEW MEMBERS by Lois Morey:

Regular Memberships

- Debra Gross & Jim Bedick, Allentown, PA

Life Memberships

- None to report.

CIRCUIT HIKER REPORT by Lori Szymanik:

- No new circuit hikers to report.

HIKE REPORT:

- No hike report

OLD BUSINESS:

- Dave McMillan presented information on bridge building.
 - Dave shared that we need to be cautious when constructing bridges. We should have approved materials and plans due to liability.
 - US Forest Service has a series of wood bridge construction drawings. All bridges approved for USFS. It is suggested that we check with DCNR on whether we can use these bridges on trail. This information can be found on USFS website.
- Joe Nachtwey offered to contact the hunting camp owner on West Branch Trail about the no trespassing signage from October to January.
- Members represented Susquehannock Trail Club at the Maple Festival on May 2nd and 3rd.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Pat Childs suggested putting information in registry boxes about the circuit hiker award since some circuit hikers do not know about it.

- Guest Todd Brown, Concessionaire of DentonGo, shared how DentonGo came to be, what is currently happening at Denton Hill State Park, and future plans for the park.
 - DentonGo was created in September 2023 and is made up of 3 people—Scott Carts (forester and grandson of Cliff Carts who was also a forester and pioneer of Denton Hill State Park and the ski area), Todd Brown, and Jason Holmberg. All concessionaires have a personal connection to the state park. DentonGo's vision is to turn the state park into a 4 season adventure destination.
 - The following recreation activities were proposed to the state- nordic sports, hospitality (cabins and camping 11 sites), lodge (events, venue), mechanized tourism (rent ATVs), restaurant, lifts—replace triple chair with quad chair, snow making system, reclaiming some of the old trails on the park lands for biking trails and hiking, create a dark sky area on the mountain top, retail store.
 - DentonGo has offered to help Susquehannock Trail Club with maintenance of the trail. They would like to give back. They have volunteers that are willing to help.
- The Potter County Marathon will take place on June 7. Trail club volunteers plan to volunteer at the water station at mile 19.
- Dave McMillan will write his last newsletter this coming autumn. The club is looking for a member to take over this position.

Meeting adjourned at 2:08 pm.

The next meeting will be held at the Pennsylvania Lumber Museum at 12:00 pm on June 14, 2025.

Meeting minutes taken and submitted by Lori Szymanik