# MARCH 2026 SUSQUEHANNOCK TRAIL CLUB MINUTES

The March 2026 Meeting was held on Saturday, February 21 at 5:00 pm at the Susquehannock Lodge in Ulysses Township, PA. Members enjoyed either dinners of prime rib or salmon. Dinner was followed by a meeting as well as a presentation by George Conrad from Standing Stone Trail. There were 45 members in attendance: Wanda Shirk, John Zimmer, Lois Morey, Bill Boyd, Larry Holtzapple, David Errick, Patricia, Errick, William Maher, Kenneth Wingo, Chris Bell, Ann Bell, Beth Lounsbury, Tod Twichell, Curt Weinhold, Penny Weinhold, Janet Smith, Susie Gribble, John Halter, Jan Halter, Bob Ross, Alice Buchanan, Heidi Klutchowski, Joe Allis, Barbara Allis, Elizabeth Kapoor, Nancy Lounsbury, Ed Graczyk, Joe Thompson, Rick Oyen, Carolyn Oyen, Jayne Fitzgerald, Jay Stuckey, Mary Jo Stuckey, June Caldwell, Joel Caldwell, Chad Rugh, April Castano, Brynn Hammarstrom, Lynne Hammarstrom, Heather Klimek, Ed Szymanik, Carol Szymanik, Lori Szymanik-Oliver, Tom Oliver, George Conrad.

2 guests: Jeremy Fitzgerald, Kari Fitzgerald

Following dinner, President Wanda Shirk called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. February meeting minutes were read by Lori Szymanik-Oliver. John Zimmer made a motion to accept the minutes. Ed Graczyk seconded the motion. Minutes were adopted unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT by Jay Stuckey:**

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| **Beginning cash as of 1/31/26** | | | $3,914.73 |
| **Deposits** | | | $2,760.00 |
| **Disbursements** | | | $1,972.71 |
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| **Ending cash as of 2/28/26** | | | $4,702.02 |

**TRAILS REPORT by Bill Boyd:**

- Trail signs will be added. Old signs need to be cleaned up and re-painted.

**NEW MEMBERS by Lois Morey:**

- None to report

**CIRCUIT HIKER REPORT by Lori Szymanik:**

- No new circuit hikers to report since last month

**HIKE REPORT:**

- Hikes were led in 2025 by Wayne Baumann, Pat Childs, Daniel Holmes, Larry Holtzapple, Curt & Penny Weinhold, Barb Miller, Wanda Shirk, Janet Smith, and Tod Twichell.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- State of the club is fantastic! We are the KTA club of the year! We are planning another shelter on Hungry Hollow Road. The Outdoor Corps is coming to work on the Hammersley area and the trail shelter at Hungry Hollow Road. **The following bullet points highlight club and member accomplishments throughout the past year.**
- Spring is around the corner and members are encouraged to spring around the trail and maintain their sections.
- The Twin Sisters Trail has been cleared by Chris Bell.
- The Morgan Hollow Shelter built by Mark Kelly, Doug Wetherbee, and Luke Studenmier (10th shelter).
- New signs were routed by Bill Boyd and installed by Bill, Larry Holtzapple, and others
- Dozens of blowdowns cleared by Dave Hajzus, Ron Heath, Doug Wetherbee, and others.
- 25 circuit hikers were approved over the course of the year of 2025.
- Chad hiked the entire STS and updated the Far Out app.
- Trail Maintainer Honor Roll: Dave Hajzus, Ron Heath, Larry Holtzapple, Bill Boyd, Doug Wetherbee, Joe Allis, Janet Smith, Wanda Shirk, Steve Erway, Mark Kelly, Denise Kelly, Jay Stuckey, John Halter, Jan Halter, Tod Twichell, Jack Buckwalter, Angela Jackson, Craig Warner, Chris Bell, Barb Miller, Chad Rugh, Luke Studenmier.
- Bar & Chain Awards go to Doug Wetherbee and Chris Bell.
- Hike leaders over the past year included: Wayne Baumann, Pat Childs, Daniel Holmes, Larry Holtzapple, Barb Miller, Wanda Shirk, Janet Smith, Tod Twichell, Penny & Curt Weinhold.

- Special Recognition Leadership Award goes to Curt & Penny Weinhold!
- Past recipients of Lifetime Achievement Awards were recognized.
- Life member supporters of the STC were recognized.
- Special recognition was given to Lois Morey for volunteering 400 secretarial hours over the last year.
- Campaign for Wayne: Please send cards to him at Sweden Valley Manor as he recovers. Cards were passed out to those at the meeting.
- Remembrance Ceremony to remember those that we lost this past year- Alfred “Skip” Ritter, Gary Stonebraker, Deborah Quelet, Faith Cary, Art Huber.
- George Conrad, Standing Stone Trail Club president and board member of KTA, shared about the Standing Stone Trail. A major feature is “The Thousand Steps.”

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

The next meeting will be held at the Susquehannock Lodge at 5:00 pm on March 14, 2026.

***Meeting minutes taken and submitted by Lori Szymanik-Oliver***