

NOVEMBER 2024 SUSQUEHANNOCK TRAIL CLUB MINUTES

The November 2024 meeting was held Saturday, November 9 at the PA Lumber Museum. All enjoyed a dish-to-pass dinner followed by the business meeting. There were 18 members in attendance: Wanda Shirk, John Zimmer, Lois Morey, Lori Szymanik, John Halter, Jan Halter, Gary Buchanan, Alice Buchanan, Ron Heath, Doug Wetherbee, David Errick, Susie Gribble, Janet Smith, Helen Bernhardt, Jayne K Fitzgerald, Henry Fuller, Daniel E. Holmes, Elizabeth Kapoor.

President Wanda Shirk called the meeting to order at 1:00. October minutes were read. John Zimmer made a motion to accept the minutes. Alice Buchanan seconded the motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT by Steve Erway:

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TRAILS REPORT by Bill Boyd:

- There were 233 hours for October and a total of 3363 total for the year.
- A burn spot was found on the Ford Hollow Shelter picnic table. A photo was shared. It is unknown what caused the burn but it appears to be the shape of a camp stove.
- The club would like to retrieve the bridge from Cross Fork Creek.
- All shelters should have a broom, rake, and bucket if anyone has a spare.

NEW MEMBERS by Lois Morey:

- G. Michael Reese, Palm Bay, FL
- Laura Swanson, Coudersport, PA
- William Ward, Montoursville, PA
- Ken Orosz & Family, Williamsville, NY

CIRCUIT HIKER REPORT by Lori Szymanik:

- 1322 Richard A Miller, Philadelphia, PA
- 1324 William Ward, Montoursville, PA
- 1325 Chuck Rounds, Bluemont, VA
- 1326 Beth Jones, Williamsport, PA
- 1327 Julie "Puma" Gladstein, Sullivan, IN

- 1328 Ryne “Pusher” Horn, Sullivan, IN

OLD BUSINESS:

- News from the T- shirt committee—orders and payments are coming in. The order will be put into the T-shirt printer early next week. A few extras will be purchased to sell.
- Daniel led a hike at Sinnemahoning State Park. Daniel, Susie & Doug started near Stevens Dam and continued on to Finn’s trail. They walked the ridgeline and through overgrown Mt Laurel while following faded blazes. Then they found the Lushbaugh Trail which was named after a Civilian Conservation Camp. It was rocky and had very poor blazing but they found a blaze at the bottom of hill. It was an adventure for all!
- Larry Holtzapple is leading a hike on November 15, 2024 at the Water Tank Vista. The hike is downhill for 3.5 miles. There will be a slight uphill to end the hike.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Larry Holtzapple is planning to lead a hike on the Railroad Grade Trail in December. This trail was recently cleared. Details coming later.
- The December meeting will be the **3rd Saturday**, December 21, 2024. This meeting will also be a Christmas party. There will be a gift exchange please mark for mail or female. Unmarked is for either.
- The February Frolic meeting will be moved to March 8th, 2024. It will be an evening meeting at the Susquehannock Lodge. Agenda will include dinner, awards & recognition, and a guest speaker discussing local railroad history.
- The Camporee this past year had low attendance—most likely due to Hurricane Debbie. Only one member showed up to camp. Campers have been dwindling over the years. The club discussed skipping the traditional Camporee and replacing it with a trail work day instead.
- John Zimmer requested more volunteers to help with shuttling hikers.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

The next meeting will be held at the Pennsylvania Lumber Museum at 12:00pm on December 21, 2024.

Meeting minutes taken and submitted by Lori Szymanik