

AUGUST 2025 SUSQUEHANNOCK TRAIL CLUB MINUTES

The August 2025 Meeting was held on Saturday, August 9 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 18 members in attendance. Ron Heath, Wanda Shirk, John Zimmer, Wayne Baumann, Lois Morey, Janet Smith, Barb Miller, Daniel E. Holmes, Bill Boyd, Helen Bernhardt, John and Jan Halter, Angela Jackson, Susie Gribble, Henry Fuller, Jayne Fitzgerald, Terry and Elva Holtzapple.

Following a dish-to-pass lunch, President Wanda Shirk called the meeting to order at 1:00. July meeting minutes were read by Angela Jackson. Janet Smith made a motion to accept the minutes. Jayne Fitzgerald seconded the motion. Minutes adopted unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT by Steve Erway:

BEGINNING BALANCE			\$13,495.93
TOTAL INCOME			\$248.17
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$726.32
ENDING BALANCE			\$13,017.78

TRAILS REPORT by Bill Boyd:

Morgan Hollow shelter is under construction. Still have to complete the siding and roof. The new sign for the shelter had been started by Bill Boyd.

July: 286 hours of maintenance. Total maintenance hours as of the end of July:1367

Yochum Run bridge has been reinstalled.

No word yet on the Cross Fork bridge.

NEW MEMBERS by Lois Morey:

Regular Memberships

None to report

Life Memberships

None to report

CIRCUIT HIKER REPORT by Lori Szymanik:

None to report

HIKE REPORT:

A group of 9 hikers led by Janet Smith hiked the STS between Thompson Rd. and Lyman Rd. about 3.6 miles, on Thursday 8/7. It was perfect weather and an enjoyable hike.

Possible ladies overnight hike in September – limit to 4-5 women to Wild Boy Shelter ending at Williams farm.

3rd Saturday of October there will be a pontoon boat ride and tour at Steven's Dam, sign up now if you want to go – limit of 18.

John Z. shuttled Joe Thompson along with his son and 7 yr old grandson to the Hammersley trail.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion about keeping a paper newsletter was had again. Brent Bryant has been contacted about possibly being our new newsletter editor or finding a student in his computer classes who could put it together. John Z. suggested doing a monthly podcast to reach younger people for the club.

NEW BUSINESS:

Terry Holtzapple (Larry's brother) would like someone to hike the trail with him – he needs someone's eyes due to being visually impaired. He has hiked the trail before. Terry Holtzapple can be reached at 814-435-7859 or holtzappleelva@gmail.com.

John Z. brought up the fact that many of the members miss the camporee – as a social event not a working event and it would be nice if we could bring it back next year. Maybe put something in the fall newsletter to get a rough estimate of who would be interested in camping.

John Z. also brought up the fact that while the Lumber Museum is a nice place to meet – it would be nice to have meetings at other locations sometimes – with larger pavilions when the weather is nice. The Lumber Museum is great for winter meetings. Other suggested locations included: Lyman Run, Saulter Preserve, Patterson, and Ole Bull. Wayne suggests that one of our next meetings be at Ole Bull – either September or October.

It was suggested by Bill B. that we think about buying another mower for the club. Wanda suggested buying a trailer to go with the new mower if it is decided to purchase one.

Meeting adjourned at 1:58 pm.

The next meeting will be held at the Pennsylvania Lumber Museum at 12:00 pm on September 13, 2025.

Meeting minutes taken and submitted by Angela Jackson