

## Susquehanna Appalachian Trail Club- April 11, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes

Attending: Mark Press, Jim Stickney, Jane Tuckey, Dawn Warden, Tim Younes, Nancy Kurtz, Gary Labelle, Cindy Radich, Gail Brossman and Rob Shaw.

The new Board members were introduced and given an overview of the workings and responsibilities of the leadership team.

The previous minutes were approved. Jim made a move suggesting putting the minutes in the 'about us' section of the website. It was approved.

Treasurer's Report: Gary gave the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter report and the 2016-2017 Final Report. The check book was reconciled for the last 3 months. Jim approved and Mark seconded the Treasurer's report.

Cindy reminded everyone of the upcoming Membership Meeting to be held at the Linglestown Giant beginning at 6:30, on April 20.

Also, the Ironmaster Challenge is taking place on the last Sunday of April. Our club, under Karen Balaban's leadership, sets the course, marks it and takes down the signs. Members also can help with various check points.

The PA AT series hikes has started and has had a good turnout.

Hike Leader Training was held and 4 people attended. Hikes scheduled for the summer are due in mid-May.

The Weed Warriors will again participate in the Garlic Mustard Challenge. May 13 is the scheduled day.

### Membership Report:

We have 385 members, a gain of 21. There are 86 life members. 65 memberships have expired and those people will be contacted, first by email then a paper letter reminder. Thank you notes are being sent to people who send extra donations.

Hike leaders are asked to encourage new hikers to join the club.

Program Report: The annual Brunch was attended by 36 people. 19 people hiked after the meeting, on 3 different hikes. One of the hikes was the traditional hike to Hawk Rock to install the new board members.

We talked about possibly moving this event back to a dinner to see if more people would attend, maybe having it catered at a hall. This will be further discussed at the next meeting.

The summer picnic will take place at Stony Ridge Park, same as last year. Tuesday July 25.

Publicity: It is noted that people have mentioned seeing the printed notices of our hikes in the Paxtang Herald. Karen asked for help on June 3, to be with the club's display in Boiling Springs for Foundry Day. Gail and Mark volunteered.

Application was made for the LLBean Grant, submitted by Karen Balaban. If awarded, we will use the funds to buy and spread new stone on the Peter's Mountain parking lot.

The Trail Maintainer's Picnic will be held June 3, at the Fogarty's Cabin. The club will provide hamburgers and hot dogs and board members are asked to bring side dishes. Dawn is organizing this. We will make a donation to the Fogarty family for the use of their cabin.

Gary will donate a hand made pottery mug for the Duncannon Trail Day raffle.

Trail Master Report: The tarp has been installed at the shelter to replace the one that was destroyed.

Webmaster Report: The domain name and Web hosting have been renewed. We also think it is important to have a backup to Dave, so that if he isn't available, the data base and website can be accessed.

#### New Business:

We talked about a new club brochure. When people stop in at the MARO building in Boiling Springs they look for information on local hikes and trail clubs. Therefore, it is important that the brochure have a helpful map. Rob will be working on this.

We also considered having a new club shirt that people could preorder, also clings with the club logo.

Jim has talked to Allegra Direct Marketing about the cost of a membership campaign, in case we wanted to apply for one of their 'awards'. We look forward to hearing more about that.

Rob talked about the Holly Preserve and March- it often is in need of some trail work and he wondered if the club would have a work day there, to help the Nature Conservancy and the county. SATC uses their trails for scheduled hikes.

The next Board Meeting will be held on July 11, at the Camp Hill Giant.

