

## **Susquehanna Appalachian Trail Club**

Minutes of the July 11, 2017 Board Meeting

Attending: Dawn Warden, Jane Tuckey, Rob Shaw, Cindy Radich, Nancy Kurtz, Gail Brossman, Mark Press, Gary La Belle and Jim Stickney, who was late and Tim Younes. Also Karen Balaban, Dave Johnson and Jeff Buehler.

Secretary's Report: April board meeting minutes were approved and adopted, motion by Mark and seconded by Tim.

Treasurer's Report: In the checking account we have \$3850.92. We received \$1850.00 from LLBean for the parking lot grant and spent \$2500. People are reminded to use SATC with Amazon Smile and to check with their employer for matching gifts. Mark moved to accept the report and Jane seconded.

Finance Report: Karen presented the report of the Vanguard Account. We will keep the checking account at PNC. We are thinking of switching from QuickBooks to another budget program which is made for non-profits.

Hiking: The PA AT series has been a success. Rob brought up an idea of putting out the hike schedule monthly, to encourage more hikes being submitted.

Hospitality: The annual picnic will be held on July 25 at Stony Ridge Park. Mark will lead a hike around the park and Gail will lead a hike on the nearby AT. The Trail Maintainer's Picnic was attended by about 15 people. Thank you to everyone for the delicious food!

Membership: We have 390 members, some less than last year at this time. Encourage people to join the club. Ask schools about their outing clubs. Possibly using a Survey Monkey to poll members who have not rejoined. Tim will help Nancy with this.

Program: Jim has been in communication with Silas Chamberlain to speak at either the Banquet or the April meeting.

Publicity: The club's display was set up at Wildwood Park Wetlands Festival, Foundry Day in Boiling Springs and at the Duncannon Festival. Make sure we have membership forms on the table. The display will also go to the ATC Conference in Maine. Thanks to all who gave up their time for this important publicity.

Trail Master Report: Jeff thanked all of the dedicated trail maintainers. He reminded us of the work trip on the 15<sup>th</sup>, when we will clear the edges of the Horseshoe Trail. Special thanks go out to Tim Bachman, George Garbarino and Tom Scully who have spent many hours working at Col. Denning State Park on trail relocations. They do excellent work that is much appreciated.

Webmaster Report: Dave Johnson gave a detailed and very informative presentation on the club's IT structure. We plan to change the website to something more interactive. Gary, Cindy, Rob and Tim will meet to make their recommendations.

Weed Warriors: no report

## New Business

Parking Lot: The AT parking lot project at Peter's Mountain has been completed. Everyone is happy with the steel slag product that was used. Thank you Jim for coordinating this effort.

KTA and ATC Volunteer Hours: Everyone is reminded to give their hours to Gail who will submit the totals to ATC. The ATC year ends on Sept. 30 and KTA uses the calendar year. Jeff totals the trail work hours.

Yellow Springs Trail Relocation: Jeff presented a relocation proposal that the board approved and he now will be submitting. The idea is to move the trail from its currently location which was ravaged by a storm in 2004 and move it a little bit west.

KTA Trail Challenge: KTA asked SATC to be responsible for check point 2 during their annual trail challenge on Sept. 9. We decided we could get enough volunteers.

D&O Insurance: We will spend up to \$1200.00 on this year's insurance.

KTA Lobbying: KTA is actively working toward maintaining the Sunday restriction of hunting.

Bicycling on the Darlington: Bicycling on the Darlington has increased. This illegal activity has been reported to KTA and the local Game Warden is making an effort to increase his presence.

Board meetings may last 3 hours, either 6:00-9:00 or 530-830, depending on where we meet.

The ATC Biannual will change names to AT Vista and will next be held in 2020.

Rob was reminded to work on the new brochure.

The next board meeting will be on Oct. 10, at the Camp Hill Giant at 6 pm.

The next Membership meeting will be on Oct. 26 at the Linglestown Giant.