

Sierra Club of Pennsylvania, Southeastern PA Group Executive Committee Meeting
July 1, 2015
Meeting held at CityCoHo, 2401 Walnut Street

ExCom Members Attending: Pat Beudet, Bill Brainerd, Mike Hoppus, Anne Lovett, Dave Moscatello, Dennis Winters

By Phone: John Butler, Len Finegold, Jon Paul Jaworski, JimWylie

Other Members Attending: Emily Davis, Sue Edwards, Karen Melton,

Absent: Mathew Himmelein, Prasad Ramnath

The Meeting was called to order by Dennis Winters at 6:45.

Secretary: Minutes were approved as emailed

Treasurer: The balance in the C4 account began at \$1707.32. There were expenditures of \$144.00 (Coho rent, bank charges, room rental) bringing the ending balance to \$1563.32.

Standing Committee Reports

Newsletter/Communications: (Pat) The newsletter is scheduled to be sent via Convio on July 6th. All articles were submitted on time. Jim will do lay out. Pat thanked Karen for her contributions.

Conservation Committee: (Jim)

Oil Trains: A Rally to protest the Oil trains and remember the Lac Megantic derailment is scheduled for July 9, 2015 at noon. This was previously scheduled for Sat. July 11 from 2 to 5. Dennis will check for specifics

Pipeline: Sunoco is doubling down on its plans to lay more gas pipelines through Chester and Delaware counties. Mariner I is in operation (using an 85 year old gasoline pipeline to push high pressure gas and liquids in the other direction). Mariner II is now going to be 2 new pipelines along the same right of way as Mariner I intended for natural gas I think, probably below it. Mariner III is a rumor.

Friends of Eastwick: On July 16, there will be a community meeting of Eastwick Friends with Kenyatta Johnson and representatives from the Redevelopment Authority regarding 135 acres adjacent to the John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge. Robin asked if someone could attend. Bill and Mike volunteered.

Political Committee:

Endorsement motions:

- Bill moved that Josh Shapiro be endorsed as candidate for Montgomery County Council. Dennis seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Bill moved that Valerie Arkoosh be endorsed as candidate for Montgomery County Council. Dave seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Bill moved that Steve Tolbert be endorsed as candidate for Montgomery County Council. Dennis seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Bill moved that Colleen Morrone, John McBlain and Christine Reuther be endorsed as candidates for Delaware County Council. Dennis seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Bill moved that Terrence Farrell be endorsed as candidate for Chester County Council. Dennis seconded the motion
- Bill moved that Kathi Cozzone be endorsed as candidate for Chester County Council. Dave seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Bill moved that Bill Scott be endorsed as candidate for Chester County Council. Dennis seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- Bill moved that Mario Cimino be endorsed as candidate for Morton Borough Council in Delaware County. Dave seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Bill moved that Carol DeWolf be endorsed as candidate for Westtown Township Council in Chester County. Dennis seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Bill moved that Mike Hoppus be endorsed as candidate for Middletown Township Council in Chester County. Dennis seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Bill moved that John Nagle be endorsed as candidate for Radnor Township Council in Delaware County. Dave seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Bill moved that Peter Williamson be endorsed as candidate for Media Borough Council in Chester County. Mike seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Education Committee: no report

Nomination Committee: no report

Old Business:

Outings / Picnic: The picnic will be held at Bartram's Garden at the Eastwick Pavillion on August 1 from 1:00 to 4:00. Dennis will lead tree tours. Bartrams offers free kayaking. Anne will write a notice to be sent out through convio. There is also a notice in the newsletter. \$50 will be spent on robot calls

Dawn Redwoods: Mike reported on the issue of cutting dawn redwoods for a road that was brought to our attention by a member. Mike said that, originally, this was thought to be an alien species but was shown to be a long extinct species. In the end the road was moved to accommodate the trees.

New Business:

Gas Leaks: Jim reported the possibility of an opportunity to create or join a new committee that will work with a group from Google that has mapped the location and size of gas leaks in the city of Boston. This team wants to turn to Philadelphia next. He felt the Sierra club's role will be to use this info/map to demand that gas companies and/or city departments do something to stop these leaks and put the cost on the fossil fuels industry, not on the tax payers.

Greenworks Final Report: Dave reported that the City Office of Sustainability released the final progress report on July 1. The report can be downloaded.

Announcements:

Oil Trains Rally July 9, 12:00 Schuylkill Banks Park

Reminders:

Chapter meeting and Camping trip: Little Pine State Park, July 10/11 (Lycoming County)

Conservation Committee Member Specialties:

- MTR – Jim Wylie
- Energy Conservation & Efficiency – John Butler
- Wind – PTC support – Gillian Norris
- AEPS support – Karen Melton
- Water – Robin Mann
- Smog – Gary Lytle/Jackie Wilson
- Transportation – Dennis Winters
- Land Use – Dennis Winters

Meeting Call-in Number:

1-866-501-6174, PIN is 1004100#.