

**Sierra Club of Pennsylvania, Southeastern PA Group Executive Committee Meeting  
January 4, 2017 Meeting  
City Coho, Walnut Street, Philadelphia**

**ExCom Members Attending:** Bill Brainerd, Gerald Brown , Ken Hemphill, Dave Moscatello, Prasad Ramnath, JimWylie

Attending by Phone: Mathew Himmelein, Alexa Manning, Dennis Winters, Pat Beaudet,

**ExCom Members Absent:** John Butler,

**Other Members Attending:** Albert Accooe, Emily Davis

The Meeting was called to order by Jim Wylie

Secretary: December Minutes were approved as mailed

Treasurer: Dennis

**\$771.15            December Balance**

Income:

  \$ 960 - PayPal

  \$1501    Fall Fundraiser

  \$2461    TOTAL Income

Expenses:

  \$ 47     Postage

  \$ 275.00 CoHo Rent

  \$ 5.00    Bank Charges

  \$ 327.00 TOTAL Expenses

**\$2,905.15        January Balance**

**Funds to be deposited \$485**

**Balance: \$3,390.15**

The budget was approved as sent - see attached

**Election of Executive Committee Officers and Committee Chairs**

It was moved and seconded that Jim Wylie be Chairman. The motion passed.

It was moved and seconded that Dave Moscatello be Vice-Chairman. The motion passed.

It was moved and seconded that Dennis Winters be Treasures. The motion passed.

It was moved and seconded that Emily Davis be Secretary. The motion passed.

The following individuals agreed to serve as Standing Committee Chairs

*Conservation Committee:* Jim Wylie, chairman, Dave Moscatello, vice chair

*Political Committee:* Jim presented a plan to have subcommittee in each county to interview candidates for endorsement. Discussion on this topic was tabled for the February meeting.

*Newsletter/Communications:* Ken Hemphill

*Education Committee:* Bill Brainerd as chairman with assistance from Karen Melton and Sergeant Brown

*Nomination Committee:* Alexa Manning

Our delegate to the chapter will be Jim Wylie. Bill Brainerd will be the alternate. Sue and Dennis are At-Large delegates

**Standing Committee Reports**

*Conservation Committee:* Jim

*Political Committee:* Bill Brainerd and Karen Melton, Co-chairs No Report

**Newsletter/Communications:** Ken Hemphill/Pat Beaudet

Pat reported that she has all the articles for the newsletter. This one will be electronic.

Social Media: Ken and Mat will work on social media actions

**Education Committee:** Bill Brainerd

The next program will be on January 23 at CCP. The topic is “The Impact of Global Warming on Wildlife” Ed Perry, retired Fish and Wildlife Biologist, will be the speaker. Sandra will send an email blast to the folks on the sign-in list.

**Nomination Committee:** Prasad

Pat Beaudet, Matthew Himmelein, Dave Moscatello, and William Brainerd were reelected for 2 year terms. Alexandra Manning and Ken Hemphill were elected to two year terms. Mike Hoppus and Anne Lovett have resigned from the executive committee.

## **Old Business**

**Day of Action:** Jim

Will take place on the 9<sup>th</sup> starting at Casey’s Office and then marching to Toomey’s office. The group will have a letter for each from all of us, Jim will email to us for approval. We were urged to write our own personal letters as well.

**Outings:** Dave and Jim

There was a New Years day outing for outing leaders to Pine Barrens. 8 people attended  
Outings Leaders – Bryan Crenshaw (SPG Outings Chair)

- o Bucks - Prasad Ramnath
- o Montgomery - JP Jaworski
- o Chester - Carol Armstrong
- o Philadelphia - Amy Kwasnicki
- o Delaware - Bill, Ken Hemphill

Outings are being advertised on our web-site as well as meet-up. Chester County volunteer, Carol Armstrong, is putting together a calendar.

**Bucks County Activities:** Prasad

**Bucks County Environmental Coalition** - 13+ groups in Bucks County pooling resources and information to work together on common issues

Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/233136370442110/>

Attendee List <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Y5mZjP44xIgdeShJ53ljv-p7BxLP-y3lnrrKxmV6/Go/edit#gid=0>

**Newtown Fracking Ordinance** - Ordinance and Fact Sheet Attached. This is a Tri-township ordinance governing fracking which has already been passed by Wrightstown and Upper Makefield. The Newtown Board of Supervisors will hear on this ordinance Jan 11 next week. Bucks County Environmental Coalition is active on this. I plan to attend both as a resident and Sierra Club member. I have also looped in Jim Farb another Sierra Club member and resident.

**Jan 14 Member Engagement Meeting** with Jim Wylie in Bucks County - 10 RSVPs so far

## **New Business**

### **Announcements:**

**Meeting Call-in Number:** 1-866-501-6174, PIN is 1004100#.

## SPG Budget - 2017

C3			C4				C3	C4	Grants
Project/Cmte	Est Expense	Est Spend Date	Project/Cmte	Est Expense	Est Spend Date	Apprvd Month	2500	2500	Estimated Contributions from SC
Total =	4450		Total =	4220			-4450	-4220	Budgeted Expenses
Ed Programs CCP	1600	spread	Newsletter Print/Postage	1800	Sep		-1950	-1720	Surplus or Fundraising Need
speakers			Newsletter Other					-3670	
<b>mailings</b>			Member Engagement	600					
robo calls									
SPG Brochure Printing	200		Political - mailings?						
Donations to orgs*	750								
Crum Creek			SC Swag	100					
Darby Creek									
Envirothon			Clubhouse Rent	600					
Bucks County Library**	200								
Conservation Cmtes			Social Media Boosts	240					
Pipelines - printing	100								
Pipelines - speakers	200		Lobby Travel Expenses	300					
Urban Air - monitors	800								
RF100 - printing	100		Bulk rate permit	400					
Other	500		Bank fees	180					
<b>Note:</b> Lobby Travel Expenses require pre-approval by the ExCom and a written report for the next ExCom meeting.									
**Both Northampton and Wrioughton libraries do not charge for meeting rooms but if we do use them on a consistent basis it would make sense to donate some money to them. They are used both for political endorsement meetings as well as member engagement or presentations. I think this is C3 because there is no quid pro quo									

Budget items are estimates/predictions of what we will spend in the budget year (Jan - Dec). In Jan we will vote to approve the entire budget - making adjustments until it passes. Changes (adds, moves) can be made during the year with the approval of the committee. Any withdrawals on the Cashflow sheet should have a cooresponding budget line on this page.

The Approved Month is the date a budget line item was approved. At first all lines should read "Jan".

## Agenda

- **Introductions**
- **Approval** of [Dec minutes](#)
- **Announcements**, agenda updates
- **ExCom Election Results**
- **Election of Officers**
  - Chair – (run mtgs, set agendas, public face, cheerleader)
  - Vice Chair – (alternate to chair, some shared tasks?: member outreach, action organizing, attending ally functions)
  - Secretary – (meeting minutes, documenting motions)
  - Treasurer – (manage bank acct, report balances, write checks, manage reimbursement requests)
- **Committee Chairs and Other Roles**
  - See [addendum](#) with Jim's nominations
- **Chapter Delegate**
  - Primary + Alternate
  - Sue Edwards was elected as At-Large delegate in a landslide victory over the local favorite 😊
- **Day Against Denial** – Letter to Toomey & Casey
- **Fundraising**
  - Awesome News – Thank You Volunteers
  - Total as of Dec 31 = **\$4,000** [since Dec 5 (the match challenge date) = \$2,830]
  - Matching Grant has been approved = **\$2,500**
  - **Grand Total for 2016 Fundraising = \$6,500**
  - Thank you note writing
- **Newsletter**
  - Winter 2017
    - Send date – Jan 18
- **2017 Budget & Treasurers Report**
  - File has been locked - [2017 budget](#)
    - Current sets our fundraising need at \$3,670 – which we have covered for this year, and have a good shot at covering next year, unless we have unpredicted expenses.
  - Propose we have an “open” treasurers report this year – the shared file kept up to date
- **Review of 2016, Plan for 2017** – (see report [HERE](#)) special meeting in Jan?
- **Next Education Program**
  - Jan 26 – Impact of Global Warming on Wildlife
- **Quick Hitters**
  - **Holiday Social**
  - **Conservation Report**
    - Ready For 100 – workshop Dec 14 in West Chester – 40 people attended
    - Weekly Volunteer Calls – guest speaker calendar for 2017
    - Post-election response (see below)
    - New volunteers – Jim has been matching w/ cmtes
  - **Member Engagement** –
    - Welcome letter to new members?
    - Regional meetings – Bucks, Phila planned
  - **Calendars Coordinator**
    - Calendar Chair is Carol Armstrong
  - **Essay Board**
  - **Outings**
    - Join the meetup group - <https://www.meetup.com/Philadelphia-Sierra-Club-Outings/>

Chapter Ex-Com Meeting on Saturday, January 28th in Harrisburg from 10 AM to 3 PM.