

Sierra Club of Pennsylvania, Southeastern PA Group Executive Committee Meeting
March 7, 2018 Meeting
Zoom Video Conference Call because of Weather

ExCom Members Attending: Pat Beaudet, John Butler, Sue Edwards, Jim Kaff, Alexa Manning, Dave Moscatello, , Dennis Winters, JimWylie

ExCom Members Absent: Kevin Little, Ken Hemphill, Prasad Ramnath

Other Members Attending: Emily Davis

The Meeting was called to order by Jim Wylie at 6:20: [Agenda](#)

Secretary: Dennis moved that the minutes be approved as emailed. Dave seconded. The Motion passed

Treasurer:

C3 Balance (No Change)	\$6,739
C4 Beginning Balance (Feb 1):	\$13,602
Income	\$45
Expenditures	\$15
Ending Balance	\$13,632

The treasurer's report was accepted.

Several requests for reimbursement have been submitted lately. The cost of the Zoom software was paid directly out of our PayPal account.

Dennis moved we donate \$250 each to the Darby Creek Valley Association and the Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association for their Spring creek cleanup activities. John seconded. The motion passed. \$250 remains on this line in our budget.

Standing Committee Reports

Conservation Committee: (Jim Wylie)

Ready For 100:

The Chester County group is planning a March madness event with house parties. Jim is putting together in video of the 4 mayors who have signed the pledge. RF100 Mont. Co. co-sponsored a film "Saving Snow" and set up a tabling outside the event which about 70 people attended.

Don't Spray Me

The group is planning a march on Earth Day

Pipelines: (Alexa)

Mariner East 2: An emergency order was filed with PUC because of the sink holes in this area of karst topography. There is a temporary halt on construction with 2 weeks to do safety tests. A consortium raising money for an independent assessment has \$8,000 and is seeking \$50,000. A subcommittee is looking for municipal support.

There are also safety issues with Sunoco's Mariner East I pipeline.

Power Switch: John is concerned the providers do not indicate the sources of the electricity they are selling. The information is misleading and can change.

Political Committee: (Dennis Winters)

Dennis asked the county political Chairs to send him the names of "Environmental Heros." To be an environmental hero, a candidate must be the incumbent, have been endorsed previously, and have maintained a LVC score of 85% or better. Before submitting a name, the candidate must be contacted to ensure that out endorsement is still desired.

Newsletter/Communications: (Ken Hemphill, Pat Beaudet)

Education Committee: (Karen Melton, Kevin Little)

- March 17th, 11am Sierra Club tour of the Philadelphia Water Works
- March 21st, The Seed Archive, Mitchell Hall, West Chester Univ. (Part of Food Lecture Series)
- April, SPG meeting at Swarthmore College, Program: Students will present Environmental Projects they are doing
- April, Earth Day week lecture, to be announced
- xxxx, possible Franklin Institute outing for a group of children with a parent. Kevin investigating details and cost
- June: SPG meeting at Doylestown Library, Program possibilities: Pipelines, DRBC August

Nomination Committee: (Alexa Manning)

No report

Outings: (Jim Kaff and Amy Kwasnicki)

During the last months the following SPG outings related activities have taken place:
 The 2/17 conducted by Amy K was fully attended with 9 new potential OLT individuals. Erin Freeman, The new Forest Watch Coordinator attended and conducted portions of the training. Jim K was present for the OLT portion of the training. Several persons (???Amy UpdateXX) also attended the ICO training the following day.

We may schedule a tabling event with the Heritage Conservancy in May.

SPG Outings has no way of complying with SC's policy of retaining documents for 6.5 years regarding liability waivers in any communal location administered by SPG until we are able to save documents to the shared Google drive. Our goal at the moment is to store waivers and trip plans on the shared Google drive for Chapter and other access as needed. Barring that we will find another solution including whatever the practices are within other SC Groups and Chapters.

1 outing was held by Jim Kaff, a DCNR related event, in the last month

2 additional outings have been scheduled by Carol Armstrong, a tree planting and a clean-up.

There are a total of 4 SPG outings on the schedule as of March 4th:

3/10 Slimy Leaves for Healthy Streams Stoud Water Research Prasad R

3/18 Member Hike in Green Ribbon independent Amy K

4/14 Tidal Marsh Cleanup HNWR Carol A

4/21 Early Morning Bird Walk Bucks Audubon Jim K

New Member Engagement: Prasad

Pat Beaudet volunteered to help with contacting new members

Old Business

Tabling: Up coming

Trout Unlimited , Great Valley High, Malvern, March 17 1 to 4

Narberth Earthday, Narberth Library, April 21 12 to 4, Rain date 4/22

Heritage Conservancy, Bucks, County, focus on outings. May TBD

Conventry Woods, Pottstown, May 20, 1 to 5

New Member Outreach: (Prasad)

Pat volunteered to help Prasad with this activity.

New Business

Chester County Social Activity:

Sierra Club is collaborating with Indivisible on an Earth Day Picnic in Downingtown.

Announcements:

Flora Cardona from Penn Environment invited us to participate in a clean air rally at Philadelphia City Hall at noon on March 20.

Meeting Call-in Number:

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

Agenda

- Technical issues – I'm sure there will be some
- Introductions as needed
- Approval of Feb minutes
- Treasurers Report (2018 budget spreadsheet)
- Communications Committee
- Education Committee
- Political Committee
- Outings Committee
- Conservation Committee
 - RF100
 - Pipelines
 - Open Space
- Social Committee
 - Earth Day Picnic
- Member Outreach
 - New member welcome
 - Tabling
 - Trout Unlimited
 - Earth Day

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