

**Sierra Club of Pennsylvania, Southeastern PA Group Executive Committee Meeting
July 11, 2018 Meeting
City Coho, 2401 Walnut Street**

ExCom Members Attending: Pat Beudet, Sue Edwards, Dave Moscatello, Dennis Winters, Kevin Little,

Attending by Phone: Jim Wylie, John Butler, Jim Kaff, Ken Hemphill, Alexa Manning

ExCom Members Absent: Prasad Ramnath,

Other Members Attending: Mena Cimino, Emily Davis, Karen Melton

The Meeting was called to order by Dave Moscatello [agenda](#)

Secretary: Sue moved to approve the June minute. Pat seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer: Dennis

Balance in the C4 account is \$10,724

Expenses: \$1075

Income; \$1,210 (includes \$300 from Chapter for Coho rent)

Balance in C3 account is \$5,351.

Expenditures from C3 are: \$850 for watershed projects; \$350 for speaker at West Chester; and \$541 for "Don't Spray Me" yard signs

Sue moved to accept the report Ken seconded. The motion passed

Standing Committee Reports

Conservation Committee: (Jim Wylie)

- ▶ Ready for 100 will hold a summit on August 29 at the Ardmore public Library. The Philadelphia Group is considering what legislation needs to be passed to support the move to 100% renewable energy. Julian in Councilwoman Reynolds-Brown's office would like assistance in writing an editorial.
- ▶ In Phase 2 of the city's move to 100% renewable energy, large institutions are being encouraged to make purchase agreements.
- ▶ Green Justice Philly is one of the organizations supporting a Parade and rally on August 2 beginning at PECO on Market St, walking to SEPTA (1234 Market) and returning to City Hall for a rally
- ▶ The People's Climate Movement is holding an event on September 8 focusing on Climate Jobs and Justice
- ▶ Pipelines: A company has been selected to do the environmental Assessment. \$25,000 has been allocated. The citizens group is continuing to raise funds for an independent assessment.
- ▶ [Future Energy](#)

Political Committee:

- ▶ Jim announce that a special election Sierra Club staff person would be hired to support 2 endorsed candidates in Chester County (Chrissy Houlahan and Katie Muth)
- ▶ The county political Chairs should follow through with campaign help.
- ▶ Because of the number of potential endorsements to be discussed, a special meeting will be held on Friday July 13 at 5:30. The endorsement applications are coming together now. They can be found in the SPG Political Cmte shared folder under Spring Endorsement Requests / Pending Applications before noon on Wed. [Notes](#)

Newsletter/Communications: (Ken Hemphill)

- ▶ Ken reported that he has only received one article for the next newsletter. He asked for more submissions.
- ▶ Sales Force Training: This is training in use of the Sierra Club Membership database called “Helen.” Sondra will be our manager for the database.
- ▶ Website: It needs an update and Jim will work on it with a early September roll out planned.
- ▶ Local email lists: These also need updated, Jim suggested clearing them out and asking current subscribers to re-subscribe. This would include options for individual county list and a general SPG list.

Education Committee: (Karen Melton / Kevin Little)

- ▶ the June monthly meeting was held in Bucks County with speaker Tracey Carlucci from Delaware Riverkeeper Network, arranged by the Bucks chapter
- ▶ a grant proposal for wildlife education, endorsed by SPG, was approved by the Sierra Club Pgh chapter grant committee. As part of the proposal Karen will be writing wildlife related articles for the local newsletter as well as the online Sylvanian. Would SPG like a wildlife presentation as part of an upcoming monthly meeting? Wildlife presentations will be offered to Sierra Club members in each of our counties during the grant period (2 years). If SPG members have suggestions for groups in their counties that might like to have a wildlife presentation please pass on to Karen. Karen noted that both Hulplits Wildlife grant applications were successful.
- ▶ weekly volunteer calls have been suspended until August 14th. Mini-education speakers are being sought for dates in August and beyond. In June Zakia spoke about the Philly Climate Works project
- ▶ Kevin is putting together a proposal for one or more youth outings (with accompanying parent) to Franklin Institute.

Nomination Committee: (Alexa Manning)

No report

New Member Engagement: (Prasad Ramnath / Pat Beaudet)

A membership event is planned for Saturday August 4 At 4:45. It will include a Hidden River Boat tour or a walk along the Schuylkill River on the Schuylkill Banks park, a potluck supper at City Coho and some environmental short films. Jim will set up a link on the webpage. Sue will set up the event on Campfire. Sue and Robin will forward the information to the Eastwick Friends Group.

Outings: (Jim Kaff, Amy Kwasnicki)

Amy Kwasnicki is considering a large donor campaign to support activities. Dennis will check with the National office about any restrictions on this type of fundraising.

Jim reported that three outing were offered in June: a garden walking tour and a garden tour by bicycle , both part of community gardens day; and a walk in the Wisahickon on June 17. A kayak event on Giving Pond was held for 25 youths from Bucks County.

The chapter annual outing will be at Hickory Run State Park - Camp Daddy Allen. It is fully subscribed for camping but members can still come for the day.

Old Business

New Business

Announcements:

Next Meeting: Jim proposed that we have the August meeting just before the event on August 4. He will set up a doodle poll to check excomm members about availability for this meeting.

Meeting Call-in Number:

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

Agenda

6:10 – meeting starts

Introductions

Approval of [June minutes](#)

Budget

- status, outlook – Dennis [Budget report](#) (for ExCom members)
- fundraising?
- reimbursement forms

Member support

- riverboat cruise - Pat
- county org - Prasad
- redo email lists – Jim
- Greenfest – Mena, Emily

Outings

- amy, Jim K
- [chapter outing](#)

Education

Communications

- Salesforce training
- Web updates

Conservation

- Ready For 100
 - Summit meeting Aug 29
 - New statewide staff
- Plastics – volunteer needed
- Pipelines
- Climate, Jobs & Justice – volunteer needed
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Political

- nomination lineup – Jim (see below)
- anything controversial
- campaign chair
- voting mtg on Fri
- shared campaign staffer in Chester Co

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Special Meeting Friday July 13

Executive Committee Members Attending: Pat Beaudet, Sue Edwards, Dave Moscatello, Dennis Winters, Kevin Little, Jim Wylie, John Butler, Jim Kaff, Ken Hemphill, Alexa Manning
Other Members attending: Karen Melton, Robin Mann, Emily Davis, Mike Hayes

National level endorsements:

Motion to endorse was passed with 9 votes (unanimous).

Bucks – (Jim Kaff presenting)

US House 1: Wallace (vs Brian Fitzpatrick (I))

Philadelphia – (Emily Davis presenting)

US House 3: Evans (vs Bryan Leib (challenger))

Chesco – (Alexa Manning presenting)

Motion to endorse was passed with 9 votes (unanimous).

PA House 26: Hacker (vs Timothy Hennessey (I))

PA House 13: Walker (vs John Lawrence (I))

PA House 160: Andrew (vs Stephen Barrar (I))

PA House 155: Otten (vs Becky Corbin (I))

PA House 157: Shusterman (vs Warren Kampf (I))

PA Senate 44: Muth (vs John Rafferty (I))

Delco – (Robin Mann presenting)

Motion to endorse was passed with 10 votes (unanimous).

PA House 138: Seale (vs Chris Quinn (I))

Bucks – (Jim Kaff presenting)

Motion to endorse was passed with 10 votes (unanimous).

PA Senate 2: Santarsiero (vs Marguerite Quinn (open seat))

US House 1: Wallace (vs Brian Fitzpatrick (I))

Philadelphia – (Karen Melton presenting)

Motion to endorse was passed with 10 votes (unanimous).

PA House 198: Youngblood –hero (no challenger)

Montco – (Mike Hays presenting)

Motion to endorse was passed with 10 votes (unanimous).

PA House 150: Webster (vs Nick Fountain (open seat))

PA House 146: Ciresi (vs Thomas Quigley (I))

PA House 152: Boling (vs Thomas Murt (I))

PA House 147: Camson (vs Marcy Toepel (I))

PA Senate 12: Collette (vs Stewart Greenleaf Jr.)

PA Senate 24: Fields (vs Bob Mensch (I))

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POLITICS

Republicans propose penalties for states that oppose offshore drilling

By Luis Sanchez – **THE HILL** 06/13/18 03:11 PM EDT

<http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/392106-republicans-propose-placing-penalties-on-states-that-ban-offshore>

Emails show EPA directed to review FOIA releases

By Ellen Knickmeyer Associated Press The Philadelphia Inquirer Tuesday June 12, 2018, pA3

FOSSIL FUELS & NUCLEAR POWER ISSUES

NATIONAL MIAMI HERALD

Advocates sue as coal plant pollution seeps into Illinois' only national scenic river

By Michael Hawthorne *Chicago Tribune* May 30, 2018 04:00 AM Updated May 30, 2018 10:39 PM

<http://www.miamiherald.com/news/nation-world/national/article212238244.html>

TransCanada Pipeline Explodes in West Virginia

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