

**Mid-Atlantic Chapter
Society for the Preservation of Old Mills**

**April 16, 2016
Semiannual Meeting**

Location: St Vincent Grist Mill, Latrobe PA
Attendees: See Attachment A

President Bob McLaughlin opened the business meeting at 11:40 am. During the meeting, Rev. Paul Taylor, Br Andre Milli and Br Matthew Hershey were thanked for hosting the mill tour and meeting. Charles Yeske, SPOOM President, sent greetings and regrets that he could not attend.

Minutes of the August 2015 meeting at Jerusalem Mills MD were approved as distributed. The balance in the treasury is \$10,994.17. See Attachment B for a detailed report. The 2015 account audit was completed by Craig Sansonetti and accounts are in order. The final 2015 finance report was distributed to members and is also posted on our website.

Membership: As of April 15, paid 2016 memberships include 42 chapter/SPOOM (\$10), 4 non-SPOOM members (\$15), 19 sustaining memberships (\$25), and 13 organizational memberships (\$50) for a membership total of 78. Durham Historical Society is a new organizational member this year.

Website: There are 300 subscribers to the www.spoommidatlantic.org website. Beth de Francis reported that three articles are prepared for the launch of the blog feature on our website. Members will be notified once final issues are resolved with the launch. The suggestion to add a message requesting viewers to report inappropriate comments was made. Adam Sieminski moved and Terry Koller seconded a motion to add a disclaimer to website alerts and notices regarding auctions and sales of mills and equipment. Motion carried. Also, according to SPOOM bylaws, the chapter should not place a value on items for sale.

Project Report: Dan Campbell presented the report prepared by Ivan Lufriu. See attachment C. A motion by Linda Koons, seconded by Megan Orient to provide print copies of project reports passed. This will enable more efficient reporting of this important service provided by the chapter and allow time for clarification to the membership as needed during the Project Report time.

Old Business

SPOOM Chapter Group Exemption Status: The IRS notified SPOOM that the request to add chapters under their 501(c)(3) tax exempt status was refused, but the formal explanation has not been sent. Once this is received, the chapter will determine their next step.

Mill Mapping Project: Progress continues with over 4100 mills listed. Bob McLaughlin prepared a map of Westmoreland County Mills to present to our hosts at St Vincent.

Nittany Antique Machinery Association (NAMA) in Centre Hall: Bob McLaughlin reported that their mill building is complete and windows installed. The next public show is June 6th.

Chapter Donation for SPOOM Grant: Upon completion of the draining of the spring at the Mill at Anselma, the chapter will pay the grant amount of \$575.

New Business

Preauthorization for Chapter Purchases: On a motion by Adam Sieminski and second by Linda Koons, the SPOOM Mid-Atlantic Board was authorized to make necessary purchases up to \$100 without requiring board approval.

2016 Fall Chapter Meeting: Bill and Linda Koons reported that plans are to tour four mills in the Philadelphia area on Friday, September 9 and then hold the meeting and tour Springfield Mills at Morris Arboretum on Saturday, September 10. The event will also be open to the public as an Arboretum course.

2017 Chapter Election: Dan Campbell agreed serve as president, Adam Sieminski as vice president and Judy Grove will continue as secretary-treasurer. These officers will be elected at the fall meeting.

Preservation MD: Dan Campbell reported on the Six-to-Fix program which partners with nonprofits to preserve six endangered sites to be fixed per year. The mill in Port Deposit MD is on the list. After

discussion, the chapter decided to postpone any financial support until the property gains nonprofit status since SPOOM is barred from assisting privately owned entities.

2017 SPOOM Conference: The plan for odd-numbered years is to expand chapter meeting and open them to the national board and membership. The Mid-Atlantic Chapter was asked to launch this initiative. Merritt Neale of Aberdeen Mills in Elizabethtown, PA agreed to host. Suggested sites include: Hopewell Village (Iron furnace with waterwheel powered bellows) Cornwall Iron Furnace (State park with some Iron furnace related things), Voith turbine test facility in York, PA, Glen Allen Mill in Cumberland County, and Steve Kindig's Mill. Ron Funk and Nancy Bell of Bowmansville Mill may host a Thursday night gathering. Other activities include workshops, speakers (on ecological impacts such as sedimentation and wetland reclamation, for example), and miller's training were suggested. The chapter would request holding the national meeting on Thursday and the chapter meeting on Saturday as usual. A Planning Committee including Bob McLaughlin, Megan Orient, Dan Campbell, Mason Maddox and Charles Yeske will work out dates and details to present at the August meeting.

2016 SPOOM Conference: Marti Goetz of Bear's Mill in Greenville OH attended the Friday bus tour and gave preliminary details for the meeting to be held October 20-23.

The lunch meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
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Chapter Meeting Attendees – August 16, 2016

Attachment A

#	First Name	Last Name	City	ST
1	Daniel	Campbell	West Chester	PA
2	Beth	DeFrancis Sun	Arlington	VA
3	Bruce	Gilbert	Springfield	VA
4	Judy	Grove	York	PA
5	Br Matthew	Hershey	Latrobe	PA
6	Ray	Kinard	York	PA
7	Terry	Koller	Dover	PA
8	Bill	Koons	Philadelphia	PA
9	Linda	Koons	Philadelphia	PA
10	Robert	McLaughlin	Howard	PA
11	Br Andre	Melli	Latrobe	PA
12	Megan	Orient	State College	PA
13	Adam	Sieminski	Washington	DC
14	Laurie	Sieminski	Washington	DC
15	Margaret	Sultner	York	PA
16	Rev Paul	Taylor	Latrobe	PA
17	Charles	Wagner	North East	PA
18	Karen	Wagner	North East	PA

Attachment B

2016 SPOOM MIDATLANTIC CHAPTER FINANCE REPORT					
Description	April 15	Aug. 15	Dec. 31	YTD	Budget
Beginning Balance	\$ 9,929.02	\$ 10,994.17			\$ 6,000.00
INCOME					
4000 Memberships	\$ 1,135.00	\$ -		\$ 1,135.00	\$ 2,000.00
4010 Cash/Check Payments	\$ 895.00			\$ 895.00	
4020 Online Payments	\$ 130.00			\$ 130.00	
4030 Additional Donations	\$ 110.00			\$ 110.00	
4100 Meeting Registrations	\$ 350.00	\$ -		\$ 350.00	\$ 2,000.00
4110 Spring Meeting 2016	\$ 350.00	\$ -		\$ 350.00	\$ 1,000.00
4111 Cash/Check Payments	\$ 350.00			\$ 350.00	
4112 Online Payments				\$ -	
4120 Fall Meeting 2016	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
4121 Cash/Check Payments				\$ -	
4122 Online Payments				\$ -	
4200 Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 100.00
4210 Ad Sales				\$ -	
4220 Insurance refund				\$ -	
Total Receipts	\$ 1,485.00	\$ -		\$ 1,485.00	\$ 4,100.00
Total Receipts and Balance	\$ 11,414.02			\$ 11,414.02	\$ 10,100.00
EXPENSES					
5000 Meeting Expenses	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
5010 Spring Meeting 2016					\$ 1,000.00
5020 Fall Meeting 2016					\$ 1,000.00
5100 FACE Websites	\$ 127.35	\$ -		\$ 127.35	\$ 550.00
5110 First Quarter	\$ 127.35				
5120 Second Quarter					
5130 Third Quarter					
5140 Fourth Quarter					
5200 SPOOM Services				\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
5300 Mill Project Support				\$ -	\$ 500.00
5400 Office Supplies					\$ 50.00
5500 Credit Card Fees	\$ 6.50				\$ 50.00
5510 Insurance	\$ 261.00				
5520 Miscellaneous	\$ 25.00			\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00
Total Expenses	\$ 419.85	\$ -		\$ 152.35	\$ 5,700.00
Ending Balance	\$ 10,994.17			\$ 11,261.67	\$ 4,400.00

Attachment C Mill Happenings – 4/16/2016

Oct. 08, 2015 Two auctions of note: On October 17, 2015, in Rural Retreat, VA, Jack Weaver, a longtime SPOOM member, is selling his five decades old collection of several milling pieces and trade items such as blacksmith, cooper, tinsmith, barrel making, etc. Advertised on Auctionzip.com. Then on October 30 in Hellam, PA with Auctioneer Dave Conley of Rentzels Auction Service, three Lieberknecht stone burr mills from Hellam, PA will be up for public sale.

Nov. 10, 2015 Judy received a letter from: Jeremy Young; Project Manager, Disaster Planning for Historic Properties, PA Historical and Museum Commission, Harrisburg, PA. The request is for SPOOMs cooperation with AECOM Technical Services, who will be conducting a Historic Resource Survey in Monroe County as part of PHMC's Disaster Planning for Historic Properties Initiative, Monroe County. The goal is to produce a comprehensive inventory of hazard-prone historic properties for integration into the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan by identifying property vulnerability and appropriate mitigation strategies in the event of natural disasters. Individuals and organizations are asked to identify local landmarks and cherished historic properties and submit these to: Vanessa Zeoli, AWECOM team leader. Judy suggested that Steve Spring email the Monroe County SPOOM list to her and copy the Board. I (Ivan Lufriu) have had one encounter with this Disaster Planning Group and it was a total waste of time.

Nov. 10, 2015 Ryan Jenkins, Park Manager for Henry Horton State Park, Nashville, TN; is considering buying mill equipment for \$20,000. My response was that this was far too much to pay for mill equipment when it is usually hard to dispose of, and is often given away. Ryan was referred to millwright John Lovett in Belvidere, TN. Charlie Yeske's response was that SPOOM should not place a value on equipment like this; but instead make known the options such as newsletters and web sites.

Nov. 12, 2015 An email (via Charlie) from William Koucky looking to contact someone who can provide instructions on running an Allis Chalmers roller mill, in Michigan. He was referred to John Lovett, TN.

Nov. 20, 2015 John Goff, Preservationist, responding to David Plunkett, English mill enthusiast who was seeking info about old French Buhr stones. Several people with knowledge about stones were copied on this email.

Nov. 23, 2015 Dan Campbell, in response to an inquiry about a Smock Mill in New England. Looking for a group of advisors to help their mill. They were given the names Ben Hassett (Virginia Millwright), Jim Kricker (New York state millwright), the New England Chapter of SPOOM, the Spocott Windmill near Salisbury, MD (see website), and Alisa Crawford who operates DeZwaan Windmill in Michigan.

Dec. 09, 2015 Bob McLaughlin was contacted by Carol Larro from Haddon Heights, NJ. She is looking for ideas on how to present a fulling mill site to the public. Some archaeological work has been done but all that is there now are four stakes that mark the corners of the building. It is on property owned by the city. She indicated that this mill processed the wool used by Betsy Ross to make her flag. She was referred to Harold Rapp, former SPOOM president, who lives in New Jersey.

Jan. 13, 2016 (an email forwarded by Judy Grove) Susquehanna State Park in Havre de Grace, Maryland is seeking a part-time miller for the Rock Run Gristmill for the spring, summer and fall of 2016. The mill features static displays of roller machinery, as well as an operational waterpowered stone, and shaker for grinding cornmeal. Experienced millers with good communication skills are preferred. Full time employment during the summer season is possible. The application deadline is January 26, 2016. An email address and phone number were given.

Jan. 16, 2016 Locke's Mill is for sale. Jon and Carol Joyce are wishing to put their mill – along the Shenandoah – into “younger hands.” Jon may be reached at: jonjoyce@msn.com

Jan 22, 2016 John McGrain, who is not only Maryland's historian, but also an authority on Maryland mills, has recently published a book entitled JONES FALLS, POWERING INDUSTRY THAT PROPELLED BALTIMORE. Several copies have been provided to the SPOOM Bookstore, and are

available at \$20 each. In the written history and photographs, this book details the history of the many mills along the river known as Jones Falls which empties into Baltimore's harbor.

Jan. 26, 2016 Charles Hockensmith, President of the Kentucky Old Mill Association, forwarded an email to SPOOM Board members from Mike Jeffords, who wanted assistance in learning the value of several millstones he owned. There are several people who buy and sell millstones, but SPOOM is not prepared to give a value.

Feb. 14, 2016 Judy Grove has provided information on auction of mill equipment in Quarryville, PA. This was an on-line auction scheduled for February 16 thru March 5. The person to contact for more details is Ron Funk of Bowmansville Mill, at 717-445-0111.

Feb. 23, 2016 Don Ditka is looking for any information about the Crittenden Mill in south Fauquier County, VA. Any information about its history should be directed to jonpjoyce@msn.com A second inquiry is from Gabriel Pawloski who owns Miceys Mills in Freeport PA, and is interested in connecting with some other enthusiasts as he plans for the future of the mill. thegabrielj@gmail.com

Mar. 15, 2016 Jeff Donat is looking for an old circular blade sawmill for display purposes to commemorate location of c1850 sawmill at Heller Homestead, Hellertown, PA. jeffdonat@hotmail.com. Charles Yeske provided a lead for this inquiry.

Apr. 05, 2016 An email via Charles Yeske from Mike Beck looking for information about an old millstone, 12 inches in diameter. John Lovett responded; his belief was that this was a sharpening stone for tools. If, however, the stone had furrows, it was likely a grist stone probably made by Meadows Mills

Apr. 14, 2016 The Annual Flower and Plant Market will take place at Union Mills Homestead on the weekend of April 29 and 30, and May 1. A variety of quality plants and garden-related tools and planters will be available. Rt 97, 3 miles north of Westminster. www.unionmills.org

Attachment E Other Recurring Announcements

Mills Open to the Public: Steve Spring is compiling a list; to include your mill that is open to the public on the list, send the name (and web URL if possible) of the mill and your contact information to Steve at SPOOMMILLISTS@aol.com. If the mill is not already on the SPOOM Mill List, you will be asked to complete the Mill Survey Form.

SPOOM Mid-Atlantic News: Submit items of interest for our twice yearly newsletters to Editor Megan Orient at meganorient@gmail.com. Time sensitive information may be submitted at least two weeks ahead of the event to Judy in paragraph form for posting on the SPOOM Mid-Atlantic website. Photos may be sent to Jean Sansonetti at sansonet@erols.com.

Mid-Atlantic Chapter Report in *Old Mill News*: Vice President Dan Campbell sends a quarterly chapter report. Send information on events of general interest to campbelldt@verizon.net by the first of February, May, August and November deadlines.

Chapter Member Contact Information: A few days prior to the event names of attendees will be sent by Email to those who pre-registered. Contact information for individuals may be requested from the secretary when needed. Information related to milling topics or events may be submitted to the secretary for distribution via Email alerts upon approval by the board.

Website Policy: Members receive one free posting (60 days) per year; nonmember individuals pay \$25 and nonmember organizations pay \$50. Ad postings are free if items are to be given away at no cost.