

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

**August 28, 2010
Semiannual Meeting**

Location: Aberdeen Mills
2405 Mill Rd
Elizabethtown PA 17022

Attendees: See Attachment A

President Bob Lundegard opened the business meeting at 9:00 AM. He thanked our hosts, Merritt and Katcha Neale, and welcomed attendees. Bob Kinsey (mill photographer who offered to provide tours to local mills) and Ted Hazen (our morning speaker) were introduced during the meeting.

Copies of the minutes from the March 27, 2010 meeting at Poplar Grove Tide Mill in Virginia were approved as submitted.

The treasurer, Jane Sewell, forwarded a report giving our balance of \$3,211.12 on August 25. This includes 64 paid memberships.

Reports

SPOOM-MA Penguin Sites Web Page: Bob Lundegard has continued to improve the website. He received few contacts for sponsorships to date. Judy Grove has updated the membership database to enable quick contact with members and friends (via Email) about chapter activities. Steve Spring maintains the photo archives.

SPOOM Mid-Atlantic Newsletter: Send articles to slangley06@comcast.net by the October 15 deadline for the next issue. Susan Langley, editor, welcomes long-term calendar items from participating mills. Pictures in jpeg format are preferred; include names of any individuals in the photos.

Mill Preservation: Ivan Lufriu updated the status of current projects.

- **Pierce Mill:** Adam Sieminski Looking for information regarding costs associated with running a mill. The Friends group is looking to set up a budget for taking on next year's operation of the Mill.
- **Millbrook Grist Mill** Charles County, MD: Franklin Holley, of RC&D, has informed us that the mill has earned placement on the Endangered Maryland 2010 list. A memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been written and is being circulated for approval which will establish a Friends group as a 501-c-3 organization under the umbrella of RC&D. Donations can then be accepted.
- **Poplar Grove Mill** Matthews County VA: Ben Hassett has prepared an extensive "Report on Structure" detailing work which must be done, and cost of these repairs. Currently local craftsmen are working on shutters and siding. Owner Bernadine Teague has been in touch with Ben who is providing guidance. She would like to have Ben restore the waterwheel.
- **Ulrich Mill:** Steven Lashua, of Lehigh County, PA (near Allentown), has owned the mill for ten years. It is fully equipped with some extra pieces to sell. Looking for guidance on next steps.
- **Aberdeen Mill** / Merritt and Katcha Neale – today's hosts are looking to restore water power.
- **Coleman's Mill** / William Stoffel. South Londonderry Township (near Lebanon PA) Historical Commission is looking for advice on how to set up a non-profit group to be responsible for the care of the mill. Advised him to attend our meeting.
- **Burnt Cabins Grist Mill** / Dawn & Greg Harnish. Looking in to restoring the dam so they can run the mill.
- **Tide Mill Institute** / Bud Warren. Seeking a reciprocal speaking arrangement.
- **SPOOM Bookstore** is now located at Union Mills.

Report on Nominations for 2011-2013 Term: Marlene Lufriu presented the following slate of officers which will be voted on at the March 2011 meeting.

- President: Bob Lundegard
- Secretary: Judy Grove
- Vice President: Robert McLaughlin
- Treasurer: Jane Sewell

Mid-Atlantic Milling History Celebration: Judy Grove chairs this committee.

- **Project Name:** *Flour Power – the Golden Age of Flour Milling in the Mid-Atlantic States.*
- **Support of Member Mills Requested:**
 - **DVD Collection:** Any participating mill sites that have a DVD (or video that can be transferred to DVD) are asked to forward a copy to Marlene Lufriu, 458 Mud College Road, Littlestown PA 17340 or Marjorie Lundegard, 950 Carya Court, Great Falls VA 22066 to be shown at the September 2011 Convention at Colvin Run and afterwards retained in archives.
 - **Funding:** Forward names of potential sponsors to fund the watershed map project, keynote speaker and other aspects of the 2011 Convention to Nick Yannarell at ntyann@verizon.net
 - **Mid-Atlantic Milling Day Celebration in 2011:** On recommendation by Bob Lundegard, it was agreed to encourage all member mills to hold an Open House with special events on August 28, the Sunday following our August 27 chapter meeting at Colvin Run. Bob will prepare an article for the newsletter with more details.
- **Watershed Map Project** Bob Lundegard reported on progress to date. The information on the grist mills and transportation routes in the Potomac watershed is being entered. He displayed a small map showing the current information. Work on the remaining watersheds (Susquehanna, James, and Delaware Rivers) is not as far along. The desired end product is a printed 40"x44" map.
- **Keynote Speaker for 2011 SPOOM Convention:** Several persons have been identified and preliminary contacts have begun. Funding is not currently in place.
- **Oliver Evans Stamp:** The suggestion was made to produce our own stamps and sell them as a fundraiser. No action was taken at this time.

Mid-Atlantic Chapter Report to *Old Mill News*: Vice President Robert McLaughlin reported his November 1 deadline to submit items to be included in the December issue. Officers and members are encouraged to submit information of general interest to Rlm101@verizon.net by then. Pictures may also be sent to Steve Spring at millfoto@aol.com

SPOOM Rack Card Membership Growth Initiative: A run of 500 test SPOOM membership cards have been printed and are available at \$35 for 50, \$18 for 25, \$3.50 for 5, or \$1 for 1. Results of the experiment by the Mid-Atlantic Chapter will be reported to SPOOM at the next meeting.

Items of Business

New SPOOM MA Membership Categories: Bob Lundegard moved: *That the SPOOM-MA Chapter membership categories be expanded to include an "Organization" membership with annual dues of \$50.00.* Judy Grove moved *that a Sustaining Member category with annual dues of \$25 be added.* Both motions carried. The dues from Organization members are intended to be used to support the web site.

Upcoming Chapter Meetings:

- **March or April 2011: Peirce Mill** with hosts Richard Abbott and the Friends of Peirce Mill. The newly restored mill which is being funded by the National Park Service should be operational by the chapter meeting date.
- **August 27, 2011: Colvin Run Mill and the Friends of Colvin Run Mill** This will be a prelude to the 2011 SPOOM national meeting at CRM.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Grove, Secretary

Following the chapter meeting, Merritt Neale gave a brief history of Aberdeen Mills. Theodore Hazen (Pond Lily Mill Restorations) presented a talk and slide show on *Heishman's Mill – Design, Construction, Funding and Adventures of a Fish Passageway*. After lunch, participants toured Aberdeen Mill and grounds or local mills under the leadership of Bob Kinsey.

Chapter Meeting Attendees, August 28, 2010

Attachment A

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Mill</u> |
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| 1. Judy Grove | Wallace Cross Mill – York PA |
| 2. Frank Shaffer | Wallace Cross Mill – York PA |
| 3. Ivan Lufriu | Union Mills MD |
| 4. Marlene Lufriu | Union Mills MD |
| 5. Nick Yannarell | Colvin Run Mill – Great Falls VA |
| 6. Nate Bond | Fredericksburg VA – no mill |
| 7. Bob Kinsey | Mill Photographer – Elizabethtown PA |
| 8. Terry Kohler | Mill Finder/Research – York PA |
| 9. Laurie Sieminski | Peirce Mill DC |
| 10. Adam Sieminski | Peirce Mill DC |
| 11. Bob McLaughlin | Union Mills MD & Mill at Anselma |
| 12. Diane McLaughlin | Union Mills MD & Mill at Anselma |
| 13. Bob Carbaugh | Shiffer's Mill – Elizabethtown PA |
| 14. Nancy Landis | former Rohrer's Mill – Ronks PA |
| 15. Bob Lundegard | Colvin Run Mill – Great Falls VA |
| 16. Marjorie Lundegard | Colvin Run Mill – Great Falls VA |
| 17. Greg Harnish | Burnt Cabins Grist Mill – Burnt Cabins PA |
| 18. Steve Spring | Colvin Run Mill – Great Falls VA |
| 19. Merritt Neale | Aberdeen Mill – Elizabethtown PA |
| 20. Katcha Neale | Aberdeen Mill – Elizabethtown PA |
| 21. Dale Brian | Lime Valley Mill – Willow Street PA |
| 22. Bill Lynch | Pottery Mill – Mifflinburg PA |
| 23. Curt Falck | Grove Mill – Lewisburg PA |
| 24. Ted Hazen | Presenter – Pond Lily Mill Restorations |

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