

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

**September 10, 2016
Semiannual Meeting**

Location: Springfield Mills, Morris Arboretum, PA
Attendees: See Attachment A

President Bob McLaughlin opened the business meeting at 11:00 am, thanking hosts Bill and Linda Koons and Bob Gutowski for an excellent event. Charles Yeske, SPOOM President, sent regrets that he could not attend due to a big event at his site.

Minutes of the April 2016 meeting at St Vincent Grist Mill in Latrobe PA were approved as distributed with minor typo corrections. The balance in the treasury is \$11,797.48. See Attachment B for a detailed report. The report will be placed on file for audit.

Membership: As of August 31, paid 2016 memberships include 46 chapter/SPOOM (\$10), 6 non-SPOOM members (\$15), 21 sustaining memberships (\$25), and 14 organizational memberships (\$50) for a membership total of 87.

Website: There are 300 subscribers to the www.spoommidatlantic.org website. Formatting changes were made by Face Websites for better style consistency between pages. The blog is active with the latest posting an article by Dan Campbell on dating wood in old buildings.

Project Report: Dan Campbell presented the report. See attachment C for details.

Old Business

SPOOM Chapter Group Exemption Status: The reason that the IRS refused the SPOOM request to add chapters under their 501(c)(3) tax exempt status due to insufficient oversight of required IRS reports by the chapters. A motion to pursue 501(c)(3) status as a chapter and pay necessary fees was made by Linda Koons, seconded by Steve Childers, and approved. A motion to incorporate prior to pursuing tax exempt status was made by Adam Simiensi, seconded by Todd Eyster, and approved. A motion to amend was made by Dan Campbell, seconded by Craig Sansonetti, and approved to file for incorporation in Pennsylvania. A recommendation to check the bylaws for any necessary changes prior to pursuing the other actions was made and approved by consensus. President Bob McLaughlin will appoint a committee to carry out these actions. This tax exempt status will facilitate giving and receiving grants with other nonprofit groups.

2017 SPOOM Conference: Current plans are to hold the meeting the end of September or early October from Wednesday through Saturday. The SPOOM board will meet on Wednesday. Thursday and Friday will each have one day tours of York (Eden, Muddy Creek Forks, Wallace Cross Mills and New Park Wind Engines) and Lancaster County (Bowmansville, Mascot Roller, Aberdeen and a few others) mills. Saturday will feature workshop speakers with some approved for the miller's training program and the SPOOM Mid-Atlantic Business Meeting. These would be held at the host hotel.

Mill Mapping Project: Bob McLaughlin presented a map of Montgomery County Mills to our hosts.

Nittany Antique Machinery Association (NAMA) in Centre Hall: Work on the hurst frame is in progress. The hope is to have the mill operating in 2017 for the June and September shows.

Chapter Donation for SPOOM Grant: No word yet on completion of the Mill at Anselma project for which the chapter will pay the grant amount of \$575. Bob will check on this at the national meeting.

SPOOM Mill List and Mills Open to the Public: Steve Spring requested cooperation in compiling the list of mills open to the public for the SPOOM website. To include your mill, send the name (and web URL if possible) of the mill and your contact information to Steve at SPOOMMILLISTS@aol.com. Also, if you know of a mill that is not already on the SPOOM Mill List, complete the Mill Survey Form which is available at www.spoom.org.

Mid-Atlantic Chapter Meetings Report: The chapter vice president prepares a report with pictures that is included in Old Mill News following each of our meetings.

New Business

2017 Chapter Election: A motion by Susan Langley, seconded by Steve Childers to approve Dan Campbell as president, Adam Sieminski as vice president and Judy Grove as secretary-treasurer. These officers carried. Outgoing President Bob McLaughlin's four years of exceptional leadership are duly noted and appreciated.

Future SPOOM Mid-Atlantic Meetings: At present, a site for the Spring 2017 has not been confirmed. The following sites were mentioned as possibilities.

- Shank's Mill (Waynesboro PA) with Union Mills (Westminster MD) – Adrian Shank, Ivan and Marlene Lufriu
- Newlin (Glen Mills PA), Abbott's Mill (Milford De) and Hagley Mills (Wilmington DE) – Steve Childers, Karen Peterson
- Double Mills (Mardela Springs MD) – Stephanie Elliot, Sylvia Bradley
- Staunton VA (McCormick's Mill, Wade's Mill, Mill Street Grille
- Whitehall Historical Preservation Society – Helfrich Springs Grist Mill - Jeff Donat, Robert Miller

SPOOM Bookstore: Ivan Lufriu reported that *Jones Falls Mills-Powering Industry in Baltimore* by John McGrain is a new addition to the bookstore.

Milling Equipment Available/Requested: Craig Sansonetti brought an inventory of items available from a roller mill in Benton PA. This will be sent to our website subscribers who may be interested in acquiring some of these items. Steve Childers is seeking a turbine for Abbott's Mill; it doesn't need to be in good shape as it will be dismantled for a display.

The meeting adjourned at noon on a motion by Linda Koons, seconded by Dan Campbell, and passed by those present.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Grove, Secretary
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Recurring Announcements

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 or for distribution via Email alerts to our subscribers.

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.

Chapter Membership Status: The official membership list is maintained by Judy Grove, not by the chapter website. To find out if your membership is up-to-date, contact her at 717-741-4366 or judygrove@verizon.net. Do not go by the www.spoommidatlantic.org site because only those who pay memberships online are considered current.

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.

Chapter Meeting Attendees – August 16, 2016

Attachment A

	First Name	Last Name	City	ST	Milling Connection
1	Bob	Anderson			Springfield Mill - PA
2	Nate	Bond	Fredericksburg	VA	Colvin Run Mill VA
3	Dan	Campbell	West Chester	PA	Preservation Architect
4	Gino	Caporizzo	Northwales	PA	SPOOM - Milling family
5	Steve	Childers	Wyoming	DE	Abbott's Mill DE
6	Scott	Cohen	Alexandria	VA	Colvin Run Mill VA
7	Jeff	Donat	Allentown	PA	PA Mill History
8	Todd	Eyster	Stewartstown	PA	Wallace Cross Mill PA
9	Roger	Felix	Johnstown	PA	
10	Mark	Fischer			Castle Valley Mill PA
11	Judy	Grove	York	PA	Wallace Cross Mill PA
12	Bob	Gutowski			Springfield Mill - PA
13	Cheryl	Hemler	Hanover	PA	Hemler Saw Mill PA
14	Robert	Hemler, Jr	Hanover	PA	Hemler Saw Mill PA
15	Bill	Koons	Philadelphia	PA	Springfield Mill - PA
16	Linda	Koons	Philadelphia	PA	Springfield Mill - PA
17	Susan	Langley	Annapolis	MD	Underwater Archeologist
18	Nancy	London	Wyndmoor	PA	Friend of the Band
19	Ivan	Lufriu	Littlestown	PA	Union Mills - MD
20	Marlene	Lufriu	Littlestown	PA	Union Mills - MD
21	Diane	McLaughlin	Howard	PA	NAMA Mill -Centre Hall PA
22	Robert	McLaughlin	Howard	PA	NAMA Mill -Centre Hall PA
23	Robert	Miller	Whitehall	PA	Whitehall PA
24	Karen	Peterson	Elkton	MD	Walnut Valley Mill MD
25	Craig	San Pietro			Springfield & Evans Mumbower Mills - PA
26	Craig	Sansonetti	Airville	PA	Muddy Creek Forks - PA
27	Adam	Sieminski	Washington	DC	Peirce Mill - Wash DC
28	Laurie	Sieminski	Washington	DC	Peirce Mill - Wash DC
29	Margaret	Sultner	York	PA	Wallace Cross Mill 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	\$ 11,797.48		\$ 6,000.00
INCOME					
4000 Memberships	\$ 1,135.00	\$ 420.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 1,575.00	\$ 2,000.00
4010 Cash/Check Payments	\$ 895.00	\$ 230.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 1,145.00	
4020 Online Membership Payments	\$ 130.00	\$ 190.00		\$ 320.00	
4030 Additional Donations	\$ 110.00			\$ 110.00	
4100 Meeting Registrations	\$ 350.00	\$ 2,019.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 2,419.00	\$ 2,000.00
4110 Spring Meeting 2016	\$ 350.00	\$ 455.00		\$ 805.00	\$ 1,000.00
4111 Cash/Check Payments	\$ 350.00	\$ 50.00		\$ 400.00	
4112 Online Payments		\$ 405.00		\$ 405.00	
4120 Fall Meeting 2016	\$ -	\$ 1,564.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,614.00	\$ 1,000.00
4121 Cash/Check Payments		\$ 1,460.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,510.00	
4122 Online Payments		\$ 104.00		\$ 104.00	
4200 Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 56.00	\$ -	\$ 56.00	\$ 100.00
4210 Ad Sales				\$ -	
4220 Insurance refund		\$ 56.00		\$ 56.00	
Total Receipts	\$ 1,485.00	\$ 2,495.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 4,050.00	\$ 4,100.00
Total Receipts and Balance	\$ 11,414.02	\$ 13,489.17	\$ 11,867.48	\$ 13,979.02	\$ 10,100.00
EXPENSES					
5000 Meeting Expenses	\$ -	\$ 1,303.29	\$ -	\$ 1,303.29	\$ 2,000.00
5010 Spring Meeting 2016		\$ 1,303.29			\$ 1,000.00
5020 Fall Meeting 2016					\$ 1,000.00
5100 FACE Websites	\$ 127.35	\$ 354.70	\$ -	\$ 482.05	\$ 550.00
5110 First Quarter	\$ 127.35				
5120 Second Quarter & Blog Setup		\$ 227.35			
5130 Third Quarter		\$ 127.35			
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	\$ 33.70			\$ 50.00
5510 Insurance	\$ 261.00				
5520 Miscellaneous	\$ 25.00			\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00
Total Expenses	\$ 419.85	\$ 1,691.69	\$ -	\$ 1,810.34	\$ 5,700.00
Ending Balance	\$ 10,994.17	\$ 11,797.48	\$ 11,867.48	\$ 12,168.68	\$ 4,400.00

Attachment C Mill Happenings

The following inquiries have been received:

Lynn Feasley contacted me from a property known as Cottage in the Pines (a Bed & Breakfast and farm). It is in the intersection of NY, NJ and PA in Rio, New York (near Port Jervis, NJ). It is a National Register Historic District. She has a mill on her site – not sure what it was used for, possibly a saw-mill. There is also a dam with a bridge across it. I referred this to Jim Krickler at Rondout Woodworking, since he is the closest millwright, at Saugerties, NY in the Hudson River Valley. <https://bluerill.wordpress.com/author/lynnfeasley/> See Photo:

Washington Crossing Mill (aka Thompson – Neely) – I was called by Ray Kasper 609-351-0451. The Mill has changed hands from control of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) to the Department of Conservation & Natural Resources (DCNR). Ray is among the volunteers in an effort to restore broken equipment. The wheel (interior to the building) has tilted and fallen into the wheel pit. Perhaps the axle shaft or bridge timber has broken. There have been some drawings of it in the past, but ray thinks they might not be accurate. They have interviewed Ben Hassett – I confirmed that with Ben. Charles Yeske has also been to a meeting with them.

An architect in Media PA named John R. Bowie, FAIA has retired and offered SPOOM many back issues of the Old Mill News – probably a complete set back to circa 1990. Also many back issues of the newsletter and meeting abstracts of the Society of Industrial Archeology (SIA). Also he and a partner researched a hundred or more mills across the country, at the Library of Congress. They photocopied the materials and placed them in individual folders. In August 2016, I collected all of these from John Bowie, in banker boxes, and delivered them to Tony Shahan, who keeps the SPOOM archives at Newlin Grist Mill, in Delaware County, PA. When Tony has cataloged them, we will report the list to National SPOOM & SPOOM MA.

Dan Campbell, AIA
Sept 10, 2016