

# SPOOM

## Mid-Atlantic Chapter

### Fall 2013



### View From the Headrace

By Bob McLaughlin

I hope everyone had a good two months since the Mid-Atlantic meeting. As I mentioned at the meeting, our relationship with SPOOM is under review by the SPOOM Board and that leaves the Chapter and officers exposed from a legal standpoint. I believe we should proceed to incorporate as our own entity. It is not that we are distancing ourselves from SPOOM but rather that we need to protect ourselves legally. We are gathering information on forming a nonprofit corporation in one of the states of our region and when we have enough information to make a proposal we will put it before the membership before we proceed. In the meantime let's start thinking of a new name for our organization. It can be followed by "a sanctioned chapter of SPOOM" or something similar to emphasize our relationship with SPOOM. The Kentucky Chapter already does this as the Kentucky Old Mill Association or KOMA and is incorporated in the State of Kentucky. I have attached a set of proposed by-laws for review by the membership. Please review and forward any comments or suggestions to me.

## August 2013 Meeting

*Bob McLaughlin*

The Fall 2013 gathering of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter began on Thursday evening when those arriving early got together for dinner at a Mexican restaurant just up the road from our base hotel.

Friday's activities included a tour of McMahon's Mill along the Potomac River. The tour was conducted by the National Park Service. This was followed by a tour of Bill McMahon's American Heritage Museum in his campground nearby. Then back to Kemp's Mill for lunch. The afternoon was filled by a tour of the Cushwa Basin of the C&O Canal. We toured the canal museum which had some good static displays including excellent models of a canal boat and a canal lock. The evening was spent at the Lion's Club Annual Ox Roast Picnic.

Saturday we had our meeting in the morning followed by lunch, then a car caravan to Anderson's mill near Greencastle, PA. They "fired up" the mill for us including the electric generators. Thanks to the Anderson family for their hospitality.

Many thanks to Richard Nye, our host for a great event.



Kemp's Mill, the site of our meeting.  
(Photo by Steve Spring.)

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*Bob McLaughlin*



Richard Nye, our host, explaining the history of Kemp's Mill.  
(Photo by Steve Spring.)



The group learning the history of the McMahon Mill and surrounding area from a Park Ranger. Slackwater of the C&O Canal along the Potomac River is in the background.  
(Photo by Bob McLaughlin)

## August 2013 Meeting

*Bob McLaughlin*



McMahon's Mill.  
(Photo by Bob McLaughlin)



Anderson's Mill .  
(Photo by Bob McLaughlin)

## August 2013 Meeting (cont.)

*Bob McLaughlin*



The Anderson family our hosts for the Saturday tour.  
(Photo by Bob McLaughlin)



The group at Anderson's Mill.  
(Photo by Steve Spring.)

# Minutes of August 2013 Meeting

*Judy Grove*

## **Mid-Atlantic Chapter August 24, 2013**

### **Society for the Preservation of Old Mills Semiannual Meeting**

Location: Kemps Mill

11244 Kemps Mill Rd

Williamsport MD 21795

Attendees: See Attachment A

President Bob McLaughlin opened the business meeting at 9:30 AM. Minutes of the April 2013 meeting hosted by Little Buffalo State Park in Newport PA were approved as distributed. The balance in the treasury is \$6,816.16. This amount reflects total deposits of \$1997.50 and total expenses of \$1635.40 (\$359.55 to Face Websites, \$1257.45 for April meeting expenses and \$18.40 to Judy Grove for postage).

As of August 24, 2013 memberships include 61 chapter/SPOOM (\$10), 6 non-SPOOM members (\$15), 2 honorary memberships, 17 sustaining memberships (\$25), and 9 organizational memberships (\$50) paid in 2013. One additional organizational membership is still in effect, since these run for 12 months rather than on the calendar year.

**Project Report:** Ivan Lufriu (See Attachment B)

**York Mill Map Project:** Judy reported that there has been little progress on the addition of York County mills to the database. The project will be referred to new leadership. Terry Koller presented his data on the Little Conewago Creek to Steve Spring for updating the SPOOM list.

**Online Millsite Application:** Bob Lundegard reported that Friends of Colvin Run Mill and Northern VA Community College continue to work on the Potomac/Shenandoah watersheds (300-400 mills). FOCRMs pay the annual fee (\$30) for Amazon to host the site. Ken Weaver is gathering information for his county. Other counties interested in adding information are cautioned to start with the mills they have rather than being overwhelmed by what is missing. Once their data was entered, Fairfax County produced a printed Civil War era county map showing the mills. Once the information is published, viewers will add information that is missing. The possibility of developing an APP that will allow this site to be viewed on a Smart Phone was suggested.

## Minutes of August 2013 Meeting (cont.)

*Judy Grove*

**Mid-Atlantic Milling Days:** In 2013, participating mills reported that publicity did not greatly increase attendance, but did attract more focused visitors. For 2014, June will be designated as Mid-Atlantic Milling Month so host sites can select their own date to celebrate while focusing on milling in general rather than just Oliver Evans. Print-ready dates announcing individual events may be sent to [judygrove@verizon.net](mailto:judygrove@verizon.net) for posting on the website [www.spoommidatlantic.org](http://www.spoommidatlantic.org). Judy will forward these to Steve Spring for posting on Historic Mills Facebook page. Sample publicity materials are on the website.

**SPOOM Mid-Atlantic Newsletter:** The deadline for the next issue is October 1. A reminder and call for articles will be sent a month in advance. The position of editor is open. If interested or to submit articles, contact Bob McLaughlin [RLM101@verizon.net](mailto:RLM101@verizon.net). Newsletters will likely only be published twice a year. Time sensitive information may be submitted at least two weeks ahead of the event to Judy in paragraph form for posting on the website.

**Pasto Agricultural Museum Project:** Bob McLaughlin attended 2013 Ag Progress Days. Over 6000 attended the three day event. Our display included a hand-operated grain mill and a beehive oven cooking muffins. Planned photographs were not displayed due to printing issues. Bob handed out SPOOM rack cards. Milling equipment for a permanent display is still being sought. The museum is open after home football games and for groups by appointment.

**SPOOM Chapter Status:** Bob McLaughlin reported that the status of chapters under SPOOM is still in flux. Major concerns are 501C3 status and liability coverage. A September conference call board meeting by SPOOM is planned to discuss this. Meanwhile, the president will appoint a committee (Jon Joyce, Craig Sansonetti and Judd Bankert) to pursue the ideas presented at this chapter meeting and make recommendations at our next meeting. Incorporation to provide liability protection for officers, application for a federal tax ID number, and the purchase of event liability insurance for our two annual meetings were suggested.

## Minutes of August 2013 Meeting (cont.)

*Judy Grove*

### **Upcoming Chapter Meetings:**

☞ **April 4-5, 2014 Colvin Run Mill in Great Falls VA** Friday will feature a tour and lunch at Mount Vernon. Saturday will include the meeting, a talk by Jon Joyce on how to restore an old mill without being a millionaire, lunch, and a visit to the Joyce's Lockes Mill in Berryville VA.

☞ **October 3-5, 2014 Brenneman Turner Mill near Harrisonburg VA** (contact: Ken Weaver) is the only surviving grist mill in Rockingham County VA which is fully equipped. On October 6, 1864 Union soldiers set it on fire during General Sheridan's attempt to destroy the 'Breadbasket of the Confederacy'. This will be reenacted as part of the Civil War Sesquicentennial. For more info on the Mill, check our web site at [www.vbmhc.org/btmill](http://www.vbmhc.org/btmill)

☞ **St Vincent Gristmill in Latrobe PA** and **Union County Mills PA** with Tom Rich were requested as potential hosts for 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Grove, Secretary

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March 27, 2012

### **Other Announcements**

**Mid-Atlantic Chapter Report in *Old Mill News*:** Vice President Jon Joyce sends a quarterly chapter report. Send information on events of general interest to [jonjoyce@msn.com](mailto:jonjoyce@msn.com) by the first of February, May, August and November deadlines. Pictures may be sent to Steve Spring at [millfoto@aol.com](mailto:millfoto@aol.com).

**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.

## **Minutes of August 2013 Meeting** (cont.)

*Judy Grove*

### **Chapter Meeting Attendees – August 24, 2013 Attachment A**

1. Judy Grove Dover PA
2. Richard Nye (Kemps Mill-host) Williamsport MD
3. Beth DeFrancis Sun Arlington VA
4. Roger Felix Johnstown PA
5. Ted Suman Easton MD
6. Barb Suman Easton MD
7. Bob Lundegard Great Falls VA
8. Marjorie Lundegard Great Falls VA
9. Steve Spring Sterling VA
10. Marty Drinan Newark DE
11. Carol Joyce Berryville VA
12. Jean Sansonetti Gaithersburg MD
13. Craig Sansonetti Gaithersburg MD
14. Dan Campbell West Chester PA
15. Marlene Lufriu Littlestown PA
16. Ivan Lufriu Littlestown PA
17. Ken Weaver Harrisonburg VA
18. Nick Yannarell Springfield VA
19. Jon Joyce Berryville VA
20. Mason Maddox Bumpass VA
21. Terry "Cotton" Koller York PA
22. Bruce Gilbert Springfield VA
23. Nate Bond Fredericksburg VA
24. Judd Bankert Staunton VA
25. Dabney Bankert Staunton VA
26. Diane McLaughlin Howard PA
27. Steve Golobic Fairfax VA
28. Robert McLaughlin Howard PA

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### **Project Report Attachment B**

April 29, Lila Steele, Looking for someone to jack up a house to pour a new foundation. Referred to Stephanie Elliott in Mardela Springs.

May 17, Realtor looking for someone to place a value on an old mill in Winchester VA.

May 29, a freelance writer in Ohio seeking information on the history of millstones for a gardening article. Sent her a copy of "Versatile Millstone"

June 11, wondered if we had any interest in helping to preserve an old mill in NJ now being used as an antique shop. No response

June 13, Judd and Dabney Bankert bought a mill in Highland County VA built in 1816. Wish to dispose of mill equipment and turn the building into a vacation home. (NOTE: After attending this event they decided they may be retaining more of the equipment for use in their home.)

June 20, DNREC in Delaware want to give away Hearn and Rawlings Mill in Seaford. DNREC is rebuilding the race and shoring-up the mill. No response so far.

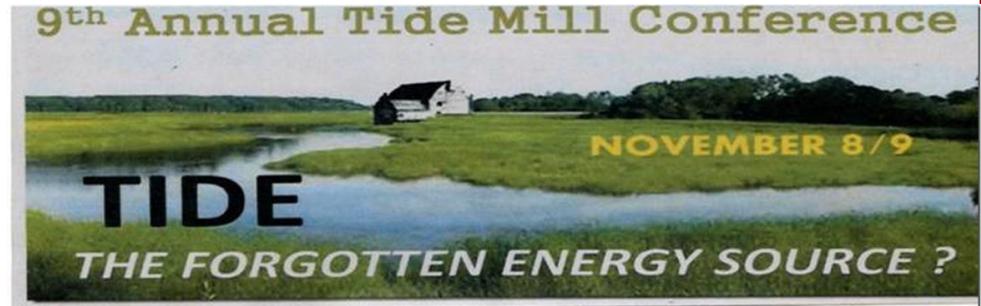
June 21, Individual has mill photos to sell. No response.

August 2, Owner of a mill in Columbia PA seeking information about a covered mill race arch. He was referred to Ben Hassett (by Judy). Dan Campbell also sent a response.

August 9, Owner of a mill in Shermansdale PA wishes to donate mill to local historical society. Does SPOOM wish to partner with Historical Society to save the mill? No response yet.

# Tide Mill Institute Conference

Our friends at the Tide Mill Institute sent along this announcement for their conference for 2013



AN EVENT FOR TIDE MILL ENTHUSIASTS,  
ACADEMICS AND JUST PLAIN FOLKS  
TO SHARE, EXPLORE & DREAM  
**ABOUT TIDE MILLS OLD, NEW AND YET TO BE  
FROM NEW YORK TO NOVA SCOTIA**

*For nearly ten years TIDE MILL INSTITUTE's  
conferences have advanced appreciation of the  
technical and human heritage of American and  
international tide mills.*

*THIS YEAR – GET THE INSIDE STORY about a  
unique Maine tidal device supplying electricity to the  
grid. LEARN ABOUT early Dutch tide mills in  
Brooklyn, NY and the reappearance of a 19<sup>th</sup> century  
Nova Scotia tide mill. FIND OUT from those with tide  
mills in their own back yards why the coast north of  
Boston had so many tide mills. HEAR what makes the  
technology of tidal sawmills so unusual. BROWSE  
through photos and volumes about tide mills of all  
kinds in America, England, Ireland, Portugal and  
Spain. WATCH videos and power point programs  
explaining how traditional tide mills work. SHARE  
your own interest in the subject. Best of all - GET  
EXCITED about tide mills now and for the future!*

**WHEN - November 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> 2013**

**WHERE – TOPSFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
THE GOULD BARN - 1 Howlett Street, Topsfield MA**

**TIDE MILL INSTITUTE [www.tidemillinstitute.org](http://www.tidemillinstitute.org)**

## THE PROGRAM

**FRI 8<sup>TH</sup> - 6-8 PM – INFORMAL RECEPTION**  
Registration, refreshments, displays  
& videos, collegial discussion

### SAT 9<sup>th</sup>

8:00-9:00 – Registration, coffee, donuts  
9:00 – WELCOME & Introductions  
9:15 – Nova Scotia Mill Emerges from the Mud  
*Kerr Canning (ret) John Abbott College, Montreal*  
10:00 – THE KEYNOTE PRESENTATION  
A 21<sup>st</sup> Century Maine Tide Mill Hits the Grid!  
*Chris Sauer, Pres., Ocean Renewable Power*  
11:00 – BREAK  
11:15 – Saltwater Horsepower – Figuring Out  
the Way Tidal Sawmills Work  
*Robert Gordon (ret) – Yale*  
NOON – LUNCH  
1:00 – Tide Mills on Brooklyn's Gowanus Canal  
*Angela Kramer – Educator Brooklyn Hist. Soc.*  
2:00 - Boston's North Shore: A Tide Mill Coast  
*Representatives of regional historical societies*  
3:00 – Reports from Tide Mill Groups  
3:30 – ADJOURNMENT

\$20 Fee includes registration, lunch, refreshments

### CONTACT TIDE MILL INSTITUTE:

Bud Warren - [budw@myfairpoint.net](mailto:budw@myfairpoint.net) 207-373-1209  
5 Berkeley Lane-Topsfield Me 04086

or

Earl Taylor - [Ermmwvt@aol.com](mailto:Ermmwvt@aol.com) - 617-293-3052

## Brenneman-Turner Mill, Harrisonburg, VA

The latest pictures from Brenneman-Turner Mill. This is the location of our Fall 2014 meeting.



## Breneman-Turner Mill, Harrisonburg, VA (cont.)



# Proposed By-laws

Bob McLaughlin

- Article I. Name**  
Section 1 The organization shall be known as The Mid-Atlantic Old Mill Association. It is a nonprofit incorporated in the state of Pennsylvania.
- Article II. Purpose**  
Section 1 The purpose of the organization is to provide educational materials and to encourage the preservation of Old Mills in the states of Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and the District of Columbia.
- Article III. Membership and Dues**  
Section 1 Any person may become a member upon the organization Secretary receiving a formal application and payment of the current dues.  
Section 2 Annual dues for members shall be set by the Board of Directors.  
Section 3 All members of the organization are strongly encouraged to become members of SPOOM as long as the organization is a sanctioned chapter of SPOOM.
- Article IV. Meetings of Members**  
Section 1 At least two (2) meetings of the members shall be held each calendar year.  
Section 2 Minutes of the meetings shall be sent to the secretary of SPOOM within thirty (30) days of the meeting as long as the organization is a sanctioned chapter of SPOOM.
- Article V. Officers**  
Section 1 The Officers of the organization shall include a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.  
Section 2 All Officers shall be members in good standing of SPOOM as long as the organization is a sanctioned Chapter of SPOOM.  
Section 3 Officers shall serve a term of two (2) years. A person may serve one (1) or more terms as an officer.  
Section 4 Officers shall be elected at a biennial meeting of the members by a majority vote of the members present. The time and the place of the meeting shall be determined by the Board of Directors and members shall be notified at least thirty (30) days in advance.

# Proposed By-laws (cont.)

Bob McLaughlin

## **Article VI. Board of Directors**

- Section 1 The Board of Directors shall include the four officers and four At-Large Directors.
- Section 2 At Large Directors shall be elected at the Fall biennial meeting of the members by a majority vote of the members present and serve terms of 2 years. Officers begin their terms at the first meeting following the election.
- Section 3 Any Officer may be removed by a majority vote of the Board, and the Board, also by a majority vote, may appoint a person to serve out the remainder of that officer's term.
- Section 4 The Board may appoint committees as necessary.
- Section 5 Meetings of the board may be called by the President or a majority of the Board.
- Section 6 The Board shall be responsible for paying bills, keeping account of income and expenses, and preparing an annual financial report for the organization.
- Section 7 The Board shall be responsible for maintaining a list of current members.

## **Article VII. Amendments to the Bylaws**

- Section 1 The Bylaws may be amended as necessary.
- Section 2 Amendments to the Bylaws may be proposed by the Board or any member of the organization. Amendments shall be approved first by a majority vote of the Board. This would be followed by a majority vote at a meeting of the members or by a majority of members responding within thirty (30) days to a written poll (i.e., mail or email ballots).

## **Article VIII. Conformity with SPOOM**

- Section 1 The organization shall strive to conform to the SPOOM bylaws and constitution as long as it is sanctioned as a chapter of SPOOM.
- Section 2 The organization shall take no action on any public issue using the name of SPOOM or on behalf of SPOOM without the approval, in advance, of the SPOOM board of directors as long as the organization is a sanctioned chapter of SPOOM.

## **Article IX. Dissolution**

- Section 1 The organization can be dissolved by a majority vote of the members.
- Section 2 Upon dissolution, all assets will be transferred to SPOOM as long as the organization is a sanctioned Chapter of SPOOM.

## \$\$ MEMBERSHIP DUES \$\$

SPOOM Mid-Atlantic Memberships run on the calendar year. If you have not already paid your dues for the current year, please use the attached form to do so or pay online from the Membership page on our website, [www.spoommidatlantic.org](http://www.spoommidatlantic.org). Additional forms may be downloaded from our website. Payments for each year may be sent beginning January 1. Individual memberships are \$10 with current SPOOM membership or \$15 without. Sustaining Memberships of \$25 provide additional funds for the support of mill restoration efforts within the chapter. Organizational memberships are available for \$50 and provide a sponsor listing on our website.

Each membership provides the quarterly newsletter, information on mills and seminars, tax deductible dues, and invitations to mill tours and semi-annual meetings. Please submit your payment promptly so you can continue to enjoy your membership benefits. Encourage like-minded friends to consider joining as well. Also check out our website for more pictures and information.



## Newsletter

Articles, photographs, and upcoming events are due to the newsletter editor by May 1, 2014 for the next newsletter. Don't forget photo credits/captions. Please use Word documents and jpeg files whenever possible as pdf's are very difficult to include in the newsletter. Also, please remember to let everyone know about Fall Fairs and Christmas Festivities, Craft Sales, Pancake Breakfasts and all the fun and fundraising activities out there, as well as all the news and events related to your mills or mills in your neighborhood. Email to: [rlm101@verizon.net](mailto:rlm101@verizon.net).



## MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION FORM

Please enroll me as a member of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the Society for the Preservation Of Old Mills

Please Print

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Milling Connection: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

(newsletters are emailed or posted in web site when possible to save postage)

New Subscription  Renewal

Please Check One:

Individual, Member of SPOOM - \$10.00

Individual, Not Member of SPOOM - \$15.00

Sustaining Membership - \$25.00

Organization Membership - \$50.00

Please indicate level of membership and mail this form with your check or money order to

**Membership Manager, 613 Green Valley Road, York PA 17403. Please make your checks out to Mid-Atlantic Chapter.** Online membership payment is available through the membership page of our website [www.spoommidatlantic.org](http://www.spoommidatlantic.org) as well. The Mid-Atlantic Chapter is a member in good standing of the Society for the Preservation of Old Mills and serves MD, DE, PA, VA, and DC.