

Fall
Minutes of the PATC North Chapter Spring meeting, Saturday, Nov 5, 2011.

1. The Annual Spring North Chapter meeting was held at the Gypsy Springs Cabin, Shippensburg Rd, Arendtsville, PA. The meeting convened at 2:50 pm.

2. Attendance:

Present were:

PATC Officers:

District Trails Manager:- Pete Brown

North Chapter Officers:

President: Bob Wise

Vice President /PATC VP – Volunteerism Rick Canter (absent)

Secretary: Michelle Hewitt

Treasurer: David Trone

North Chapter Committee Chairs:

Nominations/elections:-Dewey Clark

Membership/newsletter:-Steve Koeppen (absent)

Marketing/publicity:- Bob Creter (absent)

Hikes:-Chris Firme (absent)

Others Present:

Tom Rostek

Mary Clark

Lauren Clark

Esther Aulthouse

Sam Aulthouse

Dave Coover

Ken May

Dee Utz

Peter Muschamp

Robert Shaw

Grant Olson

Howard Davis

Daniel Smith

Christopher Firme

Beth Firme

3. Minutes of the May 7, 2011 meeting were read and approved.

4. Treasurer's Report: Dave Trone, treasurer. He provided a copy of the last treasurer's report to the secretary and the president. Reimbursed Esther for the meals and the corn roast expenses. The annual KTA membership was \$75. At the spring meeting we had \$1585.64 in the account initially on May 7, 2011. Please see a copy of the report for details. Received \$590.02 reimbursement for expenses from PATC. The balance is to \$1918.05. Bob Wise suggested that we give CPC(?) \$100 because they have been so much help to the North Chapter. He placed that in the budget for next year.

5. Announcements: Bob Wise informed the members on new information listed below. Update on Charlie Irvin. No one has seen or heard from him lately. The PATC banquet is next week. It will be at Vienna, VA.

There is a chain saw course and Bob Wise has the info. There is going to be a museum dinner that was originally scheduled for today has been postponed to the 19th. It will be at the Iron Master's Mansion. Bring a covered dish. A representative of the KTA called Bob Wise and was complaining that they (KTA) do not have enough funds. There are about 46 hiking clubs that belong to KTA. They want to add an additional amount to the membership fee to help make up for shortfall. PATC is a member of KTA. North Chapter is also a member. They want to add \$3 per person to their membership. Bob said to increase membership dues to assist with KTA's funding issues would have to be approved by the main office in Vienna.

Announcement of the hunting on Sunday issue came up via KTA to bring to this meeting. Encouragement was made to write to your gov't representative either way on your position of this issue. He was hoping that we (North Chapter) is not in favor of Sunday hunting. Pete will be getting a lifetime honorary membership to PATC. Pete announced there is a new award, the Hawksbill award. It is in recognition of those who gave more of themselves over the year (s) to the club. It is above the service award. He is looking at Dave Trone, Dave Coover, Chris Firme, and Peter Muschamp as nominees. There will be the annual Iron Master's Challenge on Saturday, May 5, 2012. Bob gave out the flyer with the details of this event. Pete gave Bob information on a Leanna Joyner to note that the ATC is recruiting a volunteer for new projects that fall under the AT Conservancy. (See e-mail and flyer of description of position, if interested).

6. Membership & newsletter report: Steve Koeppen was not present to report on the status of the newsletter or membership.

7. Hikes Report: Chris Firme stated that there were no hikes since the last meeting.

8. Publicity Report. Bob Creter not present to report on the publicity report

9. Trails/lands: Jim Peterson was not present. Bob Wise announced that approval for purchase of the track at Audubon is on hold and being held up at DNR.

10. Trails Report: Maryland- Rick Canter could not attend the meeting but provided information via an E-mail. The big announcement was that the snowstorm the weekend before did some major damage to the MD trails. The club is working diligently to clean the massive blow downs all along the trail. No new news reference the communications tower. Working on moving the cast iron sign in the middle of the AT at Fox Gap. MD DNR has agreed to purchase the Stanley property near Wash Monument State Park. All structures on this property will be removed. The Cactoctin Trail and the AT are still not connected. Lot of obstacles to overcome. Thurston Griggs, age 95, passed away on October 14. The Mountain Club of Maryland is planning a memorial service. It will be sometime in November. Rick's e-mail account was hacked in. He now has a new e-mail address. It is PATCMD@yahoo.com. The JFK 50 race will be monitored by Rick and his crew. Rick could not attend the meeting due to being at a statue dedication ceremony. (See e-mail from Rick for further details. Michelle Hewitt has a copy).

Pete-Doing a lot of work on the Tuscarora. Dave Trone-opened the dedication at Reineman in August, which went very well. There were a number of dignitaries there. The overlook is at the shelter site. Went over to see where Charlie Irving's shelter is to be located. Did a lot of cleaning up. Tough place to get to with vehicles especially to bring in large construction materials. Bob Wise said that he has talked to Jim (Stauch?) about helping and he is working with CPC (?). Looking at seeing if we can get an Army helicopter to come in to load off the materials for us. Dave did not get a list of the North Chapter volunteers who helped.

Pete- between McClure's Gap and Warner Trail did not work on that section. Need a total number of hours from section for the volunteers and their names. Have the workman's compensation that needs to be signed by volunteers. Dewey asked about hours. Pete said they could be retrieved online (PATC website). He can see the report online. There was some information about the MARPC Fall meeting. Pete has a copy of the meeting highlights if anyone is interested. John Luthie at Boiling Springs is retiring. Reported bear attack up in New Jersey. (Michelle Hewitt has a copy of the minutes to the MARPC meeting).

11. Nominations & Coordinated Activities: Michelle Hewitt restated that she is stepping down and will finish out her term. Mary Dewey has agreed to be nominated and fill the secretary position for the North Chapter. The members approved the nominations. Bob Wise asked if all of the nominations as they stand are unopposed. Dewey moved that the members present approve the slate as it stands. The members voted to let them continue for another two years.

Dewey is now on the special events committee. Had some problems with this committee reference Reineman. He had responsibility for that event. He received no response after sending out several e-mails. He found out from Bob that someone else had taken it over and had already put 57 hours into it. He does not want to have that happen again. He does not want to waste effort. With Charlie Irvin and Reese Hallow he wanted to know if that was going to be assigned through him (Dewey Clark). Pete verified yes.

12. Shelter Report: As far as shelters go, we dedicated Bird Run Shelter this year.

13. Cabins: No comments.

14. Old Business: None.

15. New Business: Dewey has been involved with PATAPSCO. Has ideas on how to deal with different situations. Don't know if she (who?) will charge a speaker's fee. Maybe give her a token stipend, a mug or something. Would she be interested in talking at the Overseer meeting? Dewey said yes. He said she is really good. Pete asked Dewey to ask her if she would be willing to come up to PA to speak. Dewey said he thought so. He said he did not know if she will charge a speaker's fee. Dewey offered to give her a mug. Pete concurred.

The members agreed to move the start of the bi-annual meeting from 3:00 to 3:30. Bob Wise extended a word of gratitude towards Esther Aulhouse for all of her hard work at every meeting to provide us with delicious meals.

16. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30

17. The next meeting, will be at the Gypsy Spring cabin at 3:30 on Saturday, May 5, ~~2011~~.

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Michelle Hewitt, Secretary
North Chapter, PATC