

**PATC North Chapter Meeting
Gypsy Spring Cabin**

Minutes of May 2, 2015

Participants

North Chapter Officers:

Bob Wise (President), Rick Canter (Vice President), David Trone (Treasurer),
Mary Clark (Secretary)

North Chapter Committee Chairs:

Pete Brown, Dewey Clark (North Chapter District Managers), Chris Firme (Hikes)

PATC Members:

Esther Aulhouse, Bernie Harris, Kevin Kramer, Blaine Mummert, Peter Muschamp,
Tom Rostek, Kathy Seiler, Pat Thomas, Dee Utz, Paul Westphal, Andy Wolfe

Call to Order

PATC North Chapter President, Bob Wise, called the meeting to order at 3:45 pm.

Announcements

- Bob Wise welcomed members to the spring North Chapter meeting.
- Pat Thomas needs photos and articles for the North Chapter website.
- North Chapter has been very busy this year with the Charlie Irvin shelter construction and work starting on a replacement bridge across Aughwick Creek on the Tuscarora Trail.
- North Chapter election of officers will occur in November. Bob reminded everyone that he is not running for president for another term; someone else needs to step up for this position.

Minutes

The minutes of the North Chapter November 1, 2014 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Dave Trone reported that the current checking account balance is \$1,831.03. Recent expenses included meals at meetings, and other expenses. The annual Keystone Trails Association (KTA) allocation of \$500 will be paid this month.

Hikes Report

There were no hikes to report. At the AT Biennial Conference there will be many hikes offered, along with a notebook for sale containing detailed descriptions of hikes in the mid-Atlantic region.

District Manager Reports

Maryland – Rick Canter reported on various work trips focusing on maintenance activities on the Maryland AT sections, as well as some follow-up information on topics presented at the November North Chapter meeting.

Pennsylvania – Pete Brown noted that the Charlie Irvin shelter is nearly completed. A focus during the summer and fall will be Tuscarora Trail (TT) maintenance. Many sections still do not have overseers. Some AT work trips will be redirected to the TT and occasional mid-week TT work trips are planned. Work will begin soon on the AT assessment of our trail section. The AT Regional Planning Committee is planning a comprehensive assessment of structures along the trail (e.g., cabins, shelters, waterbars, checkdams, etc.) to help ensure the AT receives proper funding. Finally, Pete congratulated North Chapter members on nearly 4,700 trail work hours in 2014, with about a third of those hours spent on shelters.

AT Biennial

This year PATC is coordinating the AT Biennial Conference at Shenandoah University in Winchester, Virginia from July 17-24. Registration is still open and volunteers are needed for various activities. Tom Johnson is the volunteer coordinator for the conference.

Charlie Irvin Shelter Dedication

The shelter is nearly ready for the dedication ceremony. Remaining work includes installing gutters and rain barrels, building the fire pit, and staining the privy. The shelter dedication is planned for late September of this year. Bob, who is co-overseer with Lee Fischbach, reported the shelter log is showing a number of hikers are already using the shelter.

Spring 2015 Meeting

The next North Chapter meeting will be held at Gypsy Spring on November 7, following the AT work trip.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Mary Clark

North Chapter Secretary