

PATC North Chapter Minutes

November 5, 2016

Gypsy Spring Cabin

Participants:

North Chapter Officers

Jim Peterson (President), Rick Canter (Vice President and MD District Manager),
David Trone (Treasurer), Mary Clark (Secretary)

North Chapter Committee Chairs

Dewey Clark (PA Co-District Manager), Chris Firme (Hikes)

PATC Members

Esther Aulthouse, Kevin Kramer, Michael Leahy, Gene Leese, Ken May, Peter Muschamp,
Tom Rostek, Dan Smith, Kathy Trone, Dee Utz, Andy Wolfe

President's Remarks: PATC North Chapter President, Jim Peterson, called the meeting to order at 3:25 pm and welcomed members to the fall meeting.

Secretary's Report: The May 7, 2016 North Chapter meeting minutes were approved with several amendments to the Maryland Trails Report section.

Treasurer's Report: Dave Trone reported that the North Chapter has \$1,916 in the checking account. Recent expenses included KTA and Central PA Conservancy annual memberships, food for the corn roast, and other outreach activities. The North Chapter received reimbursement of \$1045 from PATC. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Budget Request: Jim Peterson stated that the North Chapter submitted its budget request to PATC for \$1,275, but there has been no feedback as yet. The budget included funds for the usual activities from previous years and \$100 more for the coming year. Some of this additional money will go toward the annual thru-hiker picnic, which will take place at Pen Mar on June 4.

Maryland Trails Report: Rick Canter commented that it was a relatively quiet season on the Maryland trails. The Ridge Runner program has been very successful and some additional projects are underway, such as refurbishing campground tent pads.

Pennsylvania Trails Report: Dewey Clark reported that work will begin this spring on reopening the Blue Trail up to State Game Land 124 to allow four-wheel drive access to the Tuscarora Trail for maintenance and safety reasons. There are plans to replace a bridge at Antietam and to move the shelter to a PA state park as an interpretive display. The prescribed burn at Dead

Woman Hollow did not occur this past year due to weather conditions. There was also discussion about needing new privies at the Birch Run and Deer Lick shelter sites.

Membership Report: Pete Brown and Steve Koeppen will report on membership at the next meeting, but it was noted that the current North Chapter mailing list is in the 300+ range.

Lands Report: Jim Peterson said that there have been no land purchases or negotiations for land in the North Chapter area. There has been some activity on the Easterday tract in Maryland near Route 40. This is land the club co-owned with ATC, but there is a potential for transfer of that tract to the Maryland DNR.

Publicity Report: Bob Wise was not present, but Jim Peterson noted Bob's excellent follow-up with new members. There have been two to five inquiries about membership each month and Bob is very active in reaching out to prospective members.

NEW BUSINESS

PATC Election: Dewey Clark is the PATC Election Committee Chair and noted the importance of absentee ballots for individuals who do not plan to attend the annual dinner in Vienna. He also encouraged members to read the candidate statements in the PA newsletter and to vote. All absentee ballots are due at PATC headquarters by November 17.

Other Topics: Members approved sending flowers to Kathy Seiler following her knee replacement surgery; Mary Clark volunteered to have the flowers sent. Dewey Clark thanked Mike Leahy for the excellent rock work he's doing on the trail between Waggoner's Gap and the Charlie Irvin shelter.

Upcoming North Chapter Events:

Spring 2017 meeting—Saturday, May 6 at Gypsy Spring

Adjournment:

The November 5th North Chapter meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm.

Mary Clark
North Chapter Secretary