

PATC NORTH CHAPTER MINUTES – FIRST MEETING

**November 3, 2018
Gypsy Spring Cabin**

Participants:

North Chapter Officers

Dee Utz (President), David Trone (Treasurer).

North Chapter Committee Chairs

Pete Brown (PA District Manager), Chris Firme (Hikes), and Tom Rostek (Special Activities & Nominations).

PATC Members

Augie Arena, Esther Aulthouse, Sam Aulthouse, Nick Erway, Vicki Erway, Ken May, Bob Miller, Tom Miller, Peter Muschamp, and Kathy Trone.

Dee Utz called the meeting to order at 1:29 PM.

Approval of Minutes: The June 2, 2018 North Chapter minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Remarks: David Trone provided detailed checking account activity from June 2, 2018 to November 2, 2018. No checking activity occurred from August 13, 2018 to November 2, 2018. The checking account balance was \$2,087.95. The monthly ACNB Bank statement dated August 31, 2018 was submitted.

President's Remarks: Dee Utz welcomed all attendees to the meeting. Dee prompted a discussion about a possible Christmas Party in December, 2018.

Membership Report: Steve Koeppen was not present to make a report.

Hikes Report: Chris Firme had nothing to report for Hikes. He has rescheduled a work trip with Dickinson College for November 11, 2018. The work trip will focus on the AT section immediately south of Big Flat.

Publicity Report: Bob Wise was not present to make a report.

Lands Report: Jim Peterson was not present to make a report.

Pennsylvania Trails Report: Pete Brown reported that the abandoned community TV tower and related equipment, shed, and antennas that was completely removed at the request of Buchanan State Forest was located a mile northbound on the Tuscarora Trail (TT) from Fannettesburg/Burnt Cabins Road. Chainsaw training was recently conducted at Little Cove Cabin and another session will occur at the Scott Farm later in November, 2018. ATC will reimburse trainees for CPR/First Aid plus provide needed Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Griphoist training still needs to be scheduled. The removal and relocation of Antietam Shelter to Cowans Gap State Park is currently on hold. Dewey Clark and Mary Clark (PATC North Chapter Secretary) have resigned from the PATC North Chapter. The Tuscarora State Forest has stated the following blaze policy: red (general purpose), yellow (hiker only), and blue (TT). Pete had to retrieve the North Chapter's Stihl 025 chainsaw from a volunteer who was not certified.

The Club now has 2 Stihl KombiMotors with hedge trimmer attachments to be used for brush cutting. Pete asked that members inform Ken May of club tools for tool list. All TT overseer positions have been more or less filled. Bob Miller will take over the Rocky Knob Trail overseer position. Cadillac Crew and KTA worked on TT near Little Cove Cabin. Dee Utz stated that the Cadillac Crew is an excellent group to work with. Mile-a-minute weed can be a big problem on the TT. A surprise retirement party for Karen Lutz, ATC Mid-Atlantic Region Director, will be held at the Ironmaster Hostel at Pine Grove Furnace on November 3, 2018. The Scott Farm is to be razed by the US Park Service on the claim that extensive costly repairs are needed. No plans have been given for equipment stored on that site or where ATC crews will be housed in the future. The site is part of federal land that protects the AT corridor and would be retained.

Maryland Trails Report: Rick Canter was not present but emailed the following report:

Hi folks,

I apologize I cannot make it to Gypsy Spring tomorrow, I simply have too much stuff to accomplish in Maryland these days. I would have enjoyed your camaraderie. Gypsy Spring is one of the nicer, quieter places I regularly visit...my loss. I approve of the draft changes to the North Chapter Constitution and Bylaws.

The remaining email is an overview of recent activity along the Appalachian Trail in Maryland.

- We had a death of a rock climber at Black Rock Cliff this summer. A man went rock climbing alone and did not tell anyone where he was going. His corpse was spotted on the rocks by two hikers a week after his disappearance. Otherwise, our extended ridge runner season in Maryland, from April through October, was largely uneventful.*
- CSX and Washington County are leading an effort to examine alternatives to improve safety at the Weverton RR crossing. APPA does not expect any serious changes there.*
- The US 40 trailhead parking area was reconfigured by the Maryland State Highways Administration this autumn. This popular parking lot now holds 72 vehicles and no more. Road shoulder parking has been eliminated.*
- Due to the heavy rains, we endured multiple closures of the Goodloe Byron Footbridge over the Potomac River this summer. Several times the foot of the staircase on the Maryland side was underwater temporarily, which forced a closure.*
- The heavy rains also caused much more erosion along the Trail than in previous seasons. The twin storms of May 13 and May 14 caused locally significant damage and the weather continued to frustrate us over the summer. We hope there are no long-term impacts from this weather. More recently, things have been drying out, which is good.*
- Pogo Campsite will be reconfigured with new tent pads, a moldering privy and bear pole in 2019. Runaway tent sites and the current pit privy will be removed.*

Regards, Rick

OLD BUSINESS

Constitution & Bylaws Committee: Changes in the Constitution could not be voted on because Steve Koeppen was not present. Chris Firme explained the "area" language. A discussion covered the AT sections of responsibility for the Yankee Clippers, South Mountaineers, and the MD Mountain Club.

Other:

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Other: Chris Firme will lead the TT work trip in 2 weeks which is the first day of bear season. Dee Utz will work on filling the open Secretary position. Chris Firme stated that the Mason Dixon AT Festival will be held the 2nd weekend in June, 2019. The AT Thru Hiker Picnic might be scheduled for the same weekend. Bob Wise will need to reserve a Pen Mar Park pavilion. Pete Brown will try to schedule the annual overseer meeting for late-March, 2019.

Upcoming Events:

Spring Meeting – May 4, 2019 at Gypsy Spring Cabin

Fall Meeting – will be held in November, 2019 or December, 2019

The November 3, 2018 North Chapter first meeting adjourned at 2:35 PM.

David Trone

North Chapter Treasurer

**PATC North Chapter
Treasurer Report
06.02.18 - 11.03.18**

06.02.18 spring meeting balance		2,015.27
meal/meeting expenses	(144.76)	
memberships	(575.00)	
hiker cookout	(175.66)	
		(895.62)
PATC reimbursements	825.87	
donation check	100.00	
scrap metal proceeds - tower near Cowans Gap	42.43	
		868.30
11.03.18 fall meeting balance		2,087.95

date	check #	payee	description	payment	deposit	balance
06.02.18			spring meeting balance			2,015.27
06.02.18	1022	Esther Aulthouse	spring meeting food	75.01		1,940.26
06.22.18	1023	Keystone Trails Assoc.	annual membership	500.00		1,440.26
06.22.18	1024	Central PA Conservancy	annual membership	75.00		1,365.26
06.22.18	1025	Robert M. Wise	AT Thru Hiker Cookout - Pan Mar Park	175.86		1,189.40
06.22.18		R&P Recycling LLC	scrap metal \$ - tower near Cowans Gap		29.38	1,218.78
07.09.18		donation	anonymous		100.00	1,318.78
07.14.18		PATC	expense reimbursement		825.87	2,144.65
08.07.18	1026	Robert M. Wise	corn roast food	21.64		2,123.01
08.07.18	1027	Esther Aulthouse	corn roast food	46.11		2,074.90
08.13.18		R&P Recycling LLC	scrap metal \$ - tower near Cowans Gap		13.05	2,087.95
11.03.18			fall meeting balance			2,087.95

David R. Trone

Submitted: 11.03.18
By: David R. Trone, Treasurer

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Statement Date 11/30/18
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Beginning Balance on 08/31/18	\$2,087.95
+ Deposits & Other Credits	\$152.27
- Withdrawals & Other	\$82.52
- Service Charges	\$0.00
+ Interest Paid	\$0.00
Ending Balance on 11/30/18	\$2,157.70
Days in Statement Period	

Account Activity

Date	Description	Deposits/Credits	Checks/Debits	Balance
08/31/18	BEGINNING BALANCE			\$2,087.95
11/13/18	CHECK #1028		\$82.52	\$2,005.43
11/19/18	CUSTOMER DEPOSIT	\$152.27		\$2,157.70

Checks Paid

Check #	Date	Amount	Check #	Date	Amount	Check #	Date	Amount
1028	11/13	82.52						
Total Checks	1	Total Checks Amount	\$82.52					

* Check number out of sequence

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