

**Sierra Club of Pennsylvania, Southeastern PA Group Executive Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 2, 2013**  
**Meeting at the Clean Air Council Office, 135 S. 19<sup>th</sup> Street**

Attending: Debbie Barndt, Pat Beaudet, Bill Brainerd, Emily Davis, Anne Lovett, Allan Walters.

Attending by phone: Jeanette MacNeille, , John Butler

Not Attending: John Butler, Mathew Himmelein, Jim Wylie

Chair Anne Lovett was called the meeting to order at 6:50.

Secretary: Bill moved, Anne seconded that the minutes of the September meeting be approved as emailed. The motion passed

Treasurer: No report

Committee Reports:

*Newsletter:* Pat Beaudet:

The next newsletter will be mailed to all members for whom we do not have email addresses. Jim will email the newsletter. This mailing meets the requirement of contacting all members once each year. The newsletter will be sent out 3 to 5 days before November 5 (election day). The layout will go to the printer by October 11. The following items will be included:

Bios of executive committee members up for election / re-election.

Ballot for Chapter elections

November Election candidate Endorsements (18)

Report on the Renewable Energy committee's campaign to lobby state senators (Bill)

Story on action at Penn's Landing with photograph (Deb)

Announcement of November 12 program (Bill)

*Political Committee:* Bill Brainerd

Bill moved that we endorse Lisa Longo, Democrat, who is running for Phoenixville Area School District. Deb seconded. Bill distributed a summary of the committee's interview as well as their rationale for the endorsement. The vote was 5 yes, 2 no, one abstention. Since 6 votes are needed for endorsement, Ms. Longo was not endorsed.

*Nomination Committee:* Bill Brainerd

Bill has nominated Len Feingold, a professor at Drexel University to run for a place on the executive committee.

Old Business:

*Website:*

Pat reported that Sheila Startup is working to update and improve the Group website.

*Buck / Eastern Montgomery County Group Formation:*

There has been no recent action on the proposal by Dave Miser to form a new group from a portion of our group. It is expected that Chapter President, Wendi Taylor, will bring to together members Dave Miser's group and executive committee to discuss the situation. Deb will get an update on the situation.

*Chapter Meeting:*

Anne and Allan will represent us at the State Meeting on October 4. Pat will attend as an alternate.

New Business:

*Fall Banquet of Chester County Sierra Club:*

This event will be held at Wyebrook Farms in Honey Brook, PA. Sustainable food production is the theme and Dean Carlson, owner of Wyebrook Farm), and Brian Snyder, Director of Pennsylvania Association of Sustainable Agriculture will be introduced. Bill moved that we support the attendance of Anne and Pat at this event as representatives of the ex comm. Deb seconded. The motion passed.

*Hennes Youth Task Force:*

This group of students from Germantown Friends School has a climate change reality project and looking for a expertise on lobbying for climate change. John Butler was suggested.

*Support for Clean Air Council:*

Bill moved that we give the clean Air Council \$50 per meeting. There was no second. It was suggested that we defer this discussion until Dennis can be consulted.

Announcements:

There will be a Public Listening Session on Carbon Pollution Standards on October 18 at the Federal Building from 11:00 until 2:00.

The Chester County Sierra Club's 2013 Fall Banquet will be Saturday, Oct 12 at Wyebrook Farm in Honey Brook, PA. Sustainable food production is the theme.