

**Sierra Club of Pennsylvania, Southeastern PA Group Executive Committee Meeting**  
**October 1, 2014**  
**Meeting held at CityCoHo, 2401 Walnut Street**

**Attending:** Pat Beaudet, Bill Brainerd, Dennis Winters, Emily Davis, John Butler, Karen Melton, Dave Moscatello, Mike Hoppus and Prasad Ramnath

**By phone:** Mathew Himmelein, Len Finegold, Jim Wylie

**Not Attending:** Jeanette MacNeille, Allan Walters, Anne Lovett

Anne called the meeting to order at 6:45

Secretary: Minutes were emailed and distributed to those present. Bill moved and Pat seconded that the minutes be approved as sent.

Treasurer: Dennis reported that the balance of the C4 account was \$2569 (charge of \$14 and donation of \$200. \$1000 was transferred to the C3 account. Emily moved, Pat seconded that the treasurers report be accepted. Dennis suggested that Bill and Dennis draft a fund raising letter. After discussion, it was suggested that it focus on conservation issues.

### **Committee Reports**

*Newsletter/Communications:* The newsletter "Watch" is almost complete. Because it is going to be printed, most articles will be edited. Longer articles may be posted at the website and in the emailed versions. Deadline for articles is Saturday.

*Conservation Committee:* It was reported that HB 1565 would be brought up for a vote next week. This bill would abolish the current 150 foot riparian buffer required for streams. Please call representatives and senators.

*Political Committee:* Bill reported that Senator Greenleaf and Senator McIlhinney have co-sponsored SB 1171(Companion bill to HB 100. The committee organized visits to both of these senators.

Bill also reported that there has been a change in the House race for the 165<sup>th</sup> district. The incumbent, Bill Adolph is now being opposed by Charles Hadley. Bill presented a summary of Charles Hadley's activities and statements. Emily moved and Mat seconded that we endorse Charles Hadley for this seat. The motion passed seven to one.

Bill also reported that the Chapter chose to endorse in several local races for which we did not make recommendations. These included Senator Chuck McIlhinney (10), Representative Mark Cohen (202), Representative Pam Delissio (194) and Representative Tina Davis (141)

*Nomination Committee:* The nominating committee presented a slate to run for the open seats on the Executive committee. Jon Paul Jawarski, Dave Moscatello, Bill Hoppus, Mat Himmelein, Pat Beaudet and Bill Brainerd. Bill and Dave introduced themselves. Prasad spoke for Jon Paul and said they would work together. The nominations were closed.

### **Old Business:**

**Climate March:** Jim reported that 35 Sierra Club volunteers had worked to bring marchers to DC. Working with local 350.org, 900 people came on buses from this region. There will be a follow-up meeting on October 7 at City Coho to work on next steps. There are about 60 different local organizations in this group.

**Eastwick:** A conference “Environmental Health and Environmental Justice in Pennsylvania: Where Do We Go From Here?” was held at Penn on Tuesday September 30. A discussion of the issues in Eastwick was part of the program. Karen attended.

**New EPA 30% Rule:** Sue and Karen are working on the Pennsylvania response to the EPA rule.

**Green Fest Tabling:** Mat reported that we had a productive day at green fest with a steady stream of visitors to our table. The list of people that signed up to get more information about the March was passed on to Jim.

### **New Business:**

EPA Pledge to change the World – this campaign encourages all Americans to join in taking small steps that make a big difference in protecting the climate. The campaign focuses on changes individuals can make at home and in their communities with ENERGY STAR qualified products and energy-efficient practices that will save energy, save money, and help prevent climate change. Materials could be provided at tabling events.

### **Announcements:**

Next Meeting:

Power Plant De-commissioning: Michael Brune will speak at this event on October 22 at West Chester University.

### **Reminders:**

#### ***Conservation Committee Member Specialties:***

- MTR – Jim Wylie
- Energy Conservation & Efficiency – John Butler
- Wind – PTC support – Gillian Norris
- AEPS support – Karen Melton
- Water – Robin Mann
- Smog – Gary Lytle/Jackie Wilson
- Transportation – Dennis Winters
- Land Use – Dennis Winters

### **Meeting Call-in Number:**

1-866-501-6174, PIN is 1004100#.