

Sierra Club of Pennsylvania, Southeastern PA Group Executive Committee Meeting
April 1, 2015
Meeting held at CityCoHo, 2401 Walnut Street

ExCom Members Attending: Pat Beudet, Bill Brainerd, Jon Paul Jaworski, Anne Lovett, Dave Moscatello, Jim Wylie.

Other Members Attending: Emily Davis, Robin Mann, Karen Melton, Bob Silverman, Gary Lytle, Robin Mann

Absent: Mathew Himmelein, Mike Hoppus, John Butler, Len Finegold (tried to call, phone system not working), Dennis Winters

The Meeting was called to order by Ann Lovett at 6:45.

Secretary: Minutes approved.

Treasurer: The balance in the C4 account began as \$1838.92. There was income of \$230 for calendars and expenditures of \$14 for bank fees for a balance of \$2,054.92. We have received official requests from Darby Creek Valley (\$250) and Delaware County Envirotho (\$250) for support passed in the February meeting. Ridley Creek has already received funds (\$250) agreed to in that same motion.

The balance in the C3 account at the end of the 2014 was \$6,698.37

The treasurer's report was accepted.

Standing Committee Reports

Newsletter/Communications: (Jim/Pat) The Chapter has given us a Convio date of April 15 for our next online newsletter distribution. Final deadline is April 10 for articles – no extensions. Included in the newsletter will be:

SC/CCP program - April 27

White Privilege Conference

Monarchs Butterflies

Report on Lobbying trip to DC in support of EPA

Film Series at Vet Center

Earth Day Events including Narberth, Cobbs Creek Clean up, Darby Creek Clean-up

Stargazer Award (Sue Edwards is this year's SPG winner)

Raising Milkweed (Karen)

Politics / getting involved

Conservation Committee: Jim

Oil trains: Jim showed a new piece for our website using "Prezi" he and Peggy had prepared featuring the oil trains. Mary Donahue from Clean Water Action leads weekly conference calls.

Mariner East Pipeline: About 20 people in Chester County attended a meeting of a Citizens Coalition. Delaware Riverkeeper Network is also involved. They will be applying for a chapter grant to support their work.

Energy Hub: Dave reported the structure of the coalition fighting the energy hub is being firmed up. Tracy Carluccio, Delaware River Keeper Network, sent and compiled a survey requesting ideas about structure from attendees at the first meeting. The coordinating committee will consist of representatives from each committee, representatives from each campaign and 1/3 from community groups. Dave is on the Solutions sub-group which holds weekly conference calls. The kick-off is April 11 from 1 to 4 at the Clean Air Council.

Political Committee: Bill

Bill asked us to consider several individuals for endorsement.

He moved that we endorse **Citi Crook** for the position of supervisor in East Falls Township. The motion **passed**.

He moved that we endorse **Ken Miller** for the position of supervisor in West Vincent Township. The motion **passed**.

He moved that we endorse **Christopher Pielli** for the position of supervisor in West Goshen Township. The motion **passed**.

Special Addendum: Endorsements via email: Since the meeting the Ex Comm has passed several endorsement motions via email. They are recorded here as a record of the actions. Endorsement motions were made and passed for the following candidates:

James Kenney was endorsed as a candidate for mayor of Philadelphia.

Liz Rogan was endorsed as a candidate for Lower Merion Township council representing District 7.

George Manos was endorsed as a candidate for Lower Merion Township council representing District 9.

Jordan Norley was endorsed as a candidate for West Chester Borough Council representing the 4th Ward.

Barbara Kipp Stone was endorsed as a candidate for West Goshen Township Council.

Jim Jones was endorsed as a candidate for West Chester Borough Council representing 6th Ward

Education Committee: Bill

The next education program will be April 27 at 6:45 and will address several topics. Steve Kunz will speak about the effects of long wall mining. Sue Edwards will speak about the importance of engaging with non-traditional allies and why it is a club priority. Gary Lytle will speak about the local Veterans program and how this groups has become allies in the Beyond Coal campaign.

Nomination Committee: no report

Old Business:

Montgomery County Event: Jon Paul reported that members from Montgomery County continued their monthly get togethers which meet on the last Sunday of the month. The event included music and socializing. Peggy led a discussion about organizing around oil trains – including fact finding, preparedness and emergency planning. The group plans to add outings to its events

Common Questionnaire for Mayoral Candidates: The questionnaire was sent to the candidates with a return date of April 2. The questionnaire was modified and sent to City Council members

Beyond Coal: Gary and some of the Veterans will visit the office of Senator John Rafferty. They will also visit the office of Anthony Hardy Williams.

Eastwick Friends: Robin will represent Sierra Club on the board. The group is working to connect to the EPA regarding mediation for the super fund site. They are working with the Water Department to find a solution to the problems of flooding. In regards to the planned development, they are lobbying to get funds that are necessary for a comprehensive study of the site. They are also working on by-laws.

Outings: There will be a picnic and paddle on September 12th in Pottstown. The planning committee is Jim, Anne and Mike.

New Business:

Philly Food Fest: Sierra Club will have a table at this event at the Convention Center on Sunday April 12. Need volunteers.

Energy Coordinating Agency Recommendations for the next mayor: The agency has developed a set of recommendations to the next mayor energy efficiency work in Philadelphia. A summary of the recommendations was presented. Areas of particular concern were: 30% energy savings target, coordination of procurement, infrastructure improvements including gas leaks under streets, work force development and local hiring requirements. Dave moved and Pat seconded that we endorse the ECA recommendations. The motion passed.

Announcements:

Chapter Meeting: The meeting will be in State College on the 25th. There will be a Workshop on organizing the following day (Sunday, April 26th)

Earth Day Events: There will be events at Narberth and 30th Street Station. Drexel will also have an event from 10:00 to 1:00 on April 22.

Training for using Helen to recruit volunteers: April 16

Years of Living Dangerously – episode 5 – May 21 – producers will do a Q and A. It will be part of the Green and Social.

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#.