

Sierra Club of Pennsylvania, Southeastern PA Group Executive Committee Meeting
September 2, 2015
Meeting held at CityCoHo, 2401 Walnut Street

ExCom Members Attending: Pat Beudet, Bill Brainerd, Mike Hoppus, Anne Lovett, Dave Moscatello, Dennis Winters, JimWylie, Mathew Himmelein, Prasad Ramnath

By Phone: John Butler, Len Finegold, Jon Paul Jaworski

Other Members Attending: Emily Davis, Sue Edwards, Karen Melton, Tom Torres (PA Staffer), Jim Palmer (Environmental Law specialist), Gary Lytle

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

Secretary: Minutes were approved as emailed

Treasurer: The balance in the C4 account Begin at \$1563.32

Income:

\$2523.25	State allotment
\$1,000	City Coho facility

Expenditures

\$300	Coho rent,
42.00	Bank Charges
19.60	stamps
225.00	Bulk permit
40.16	reimbursement for political committee expenditures

Bringing the ending balance in the C4 account to 4459.81

The balance in the C3 account is \$7,843.60. (State allotment income of \$2523.25)

Jim asked if the \$1000 grant funds had been received. Dennis will look into it.

Standing Committee Reports

Newsletter/Communications: (Pat) Deadline is October 1. It will be printed. Articles will include: Candidates for excom, endorsements (there are 23 candidates), Dawn Redwoods (Mike), Picnic, Jim Kenney (Karen) Michael Mann program (Bill), and Bats (Ann). Karen will work on elimination of duplicates. Jim has received training on SalesForce which is the new Convio. Mat is handling our facebook page so send him materials for facebook.

Conservation Committee: (Jim)

The Pipe line project committee has 5 members and is working on flyers.

Susan (Caskey? Karen will check) wants to promote solar roof top projects. Jim will meet with her.

EQAT (Earth Quaker Action Team) is pushing elected officials to increase training program for solar panel installation.

Mike Ewall has developed a "toxic tour of Chester County and would like to speak on infrastructure pieces.

Political Committee: no report

Education Committee: Michael Mann will be the speaker for the November Program which we be in an auditorium at CCP on Monday. Bill asked about having some paid ads to promote this event.

Nomination Committee: Bill, Pat and Karen will make up the nominating committee. Dennis, Jim, Ann, John and Len are up for re-election. The ballot must be in the newsletter. Nominees must be

members of Sierra Club. Sue and Gary can help come up with diversity nominees. One suggestion was Kevin Little.

Old Business:

Energy Hub: (Green justice Philly) Dave shared several document from the coalition now called Green Justice Philadelphia – see attached documents: “Green Justice” and “Solutions committee”. Dave moved that we join the coalition. Mat seconded. The motion passed. Jim will check on compliance. Dave will send letter. There will be a launch on October 14.

Outings / Picnic: Anne reported that the picnic went well. Dennis moved that we request a gift membership for David Hewitt who spoke at the picnic. Pat seconded. The motion passed.

Jon Paul reported that the kayaking outing planned for the 12th on Schuylkill River in Pottstown has 15 people registered. There will be a speaker from the Schuylkill River Heritage Center.

New Business:

Tom Torres: Tom is the new Conservation Program Coordinator for the PA Chapter. He reported that he is offering training on advocacy to groups to help them focus on specific issues. He has already connected with other groups around a variety of issues around coal/gas/oil extraction on public lands, pipelines. He offers this training for members of our chapter but asks us to identify the issue. He has three already scheduled. Jim will collect suggestions. One possible topic is the Pipeline is Chester and Delaware Counties. A possible date is October 18.

GMO Letter: Jim moved that we sign the GMO letter to Casey and Toomey asking support for labeling of GMO products. Dennis second. The motion passed.

Tabling: Green Fest is Sunday Sept 13 from 10 to 4 at Headhouse Square. Matt is organizing the Sierra Club Table. Tabling opportunity at Heinz on the 20th – beyond coal will be focus to that table.

Chapter Representative: Delegates are no longer going to be proportional so our group will have only one. Dennis, Sue and Jim are running for an at-large delegate seats. We will need to elect a delegate.

Events leading to Paris Talks: Karen presented a list of activities that will take place to support strong climate action at the Paris Talks in December. See attached “Climate Events

Announcements:

National Drive Electric: September 12, 12 to 5, At Tesla of Devon. Will be a variety on electric vehicles.

Reminders:

Chapter meeting and Camping trip: Little Pine State Park, July 10/11 (Lycoming County)

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#.