

**Sierra Club of Pennsylvania, Southeastern PA Group Executive Committee Meeting**  
**November 4, 2015**  
**Meeting held at CityCoHo, 2401 Walnut Street**

**ExCom Members Attending:** Bill Brainerd, Mike Hoppus, Anne Lovett, JimWylie, John Butler, Pat Beudet, Prasad Ramnath, Mathew Himmelein

**By Phone:** Dennis Winters, Dave Moscatello,

**Other Members Attending:** Emily Davis, Chris Gibbons, Sue Edwards, Gary Lytle, Joanne Kilgore

**ExCom Members Absent:** Len Finegold,

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

Secretary: Bill moved, Mat seconded that the minutes be approved as emailed. The motion passed.

Treasurer: The balance in the C4 account Begin at \$4245.81

Expenditures included:

\$2824.14

\$160 Coho rent,

\$14.00 Bank Charges

Balance: \$1247.67

Mary Ann Jaffee would like an invoice for Coho for Beyond Coal

### **Standing Committee Reports**

***Newsletter/Communications:*** Anne complemented the look of the newsletter. They had some trouble with timely distribution of the printed version as it bumped into the large number of mailing done by candidates. They will have an earlier date next year. They will also look into electronic voting next year.

***Conservation Committee:*** (Jim)

1. Pipeline Actions

Carlisle, PA 11/7, Clean Air Council is sponsor, Mariner East Organizers Summit

PA Pipeline Taskforce Meeting at DEP office in Norristown

Webinar – Office of environmental Justice (EPA)

2. West Chester Ballot “Community Bill of Rights” Purpose is to stop corporations from buying up land without the permission of the entire community. This sort of referendum is only possible in a home rule community. Can Sierra Club endorse this sort of action?

3. Energy use: How can we get to zero fossil fuel? Increase energy efficiency? How can we do more? John and Mat will work on this

***Political Committee:*** Robin suggests that we decrease the number of candidates the we endorse infuture elections. She would like to see the club be able to activate club members to work for endorsed candidates. There was some discussion about this with some members suggesting that candidates liked to point to our endorsement when looking for votes. It was suggested that we have a meeting to suggest this.

***Education Committee:*** Bill reported the \$625 had been spent on the Mann Talk. There are a large number of other groups co-sponsoring the event and several will have tables outside the auditorium including Citizens Climate Lobby. Karen is making a “Beyond Coal” flyer. There will also be information about the Clean Power Plan.

***Nomination Committee:*** A goal of the committee this year was to increase the diversity of the committee. They feel they met this goal.

### **Old Business:**

Events:

1. Delaware River Basin Commission will have meeting at Washington Crossing Historic Park to hear public comments on the Sunoco Pipeline On Tuesday November 10.
2. Clean Power Plan Hearings in DC (Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m) and Pittsburgh (Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. (ET))
3. Beyond Coal Rally – focus on Brunner Island – December 3 at Noon at EPA offices – 17<sup>th</sup> and Arch

### **New Business:**

***SEPTA transition to all Electric:*** Chris Gibbons and Joanne Kilgore spoke about this project. Chris is from Green Corps – a program training new grads in community organizing. He is now working with Great Philly Electric Bus Campaign for Sierra Club. He and Joanne explained some of the problems with the conversion to electric. He is organizing an event that will be held on November 16 from 7:00 to 8:00 at Temple University's Student and Faculty Center Executive Conference Room 3340 Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19140. Joanne is asking us assist in the continuation of this project after Chris is gone. Jim will see if a Convio blast can be sent out to publicize the event.

**Announcements:** Calendars are available as gifts to volunteers

### **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#.