

**Sierra Club of Pennsylvania, Southeastern PA Group Executive Committee Meeting  
May 4, 2016  
Meeting held at CityCoHo, 2401 Walnut Street**

**ExCom Members Attending:** Pat Beaudet, Bill Brainerd, Gerald Brown, John Butler, Anne Lovett, Dave Moscatello, Prasad Ramnath, JimWylie  
**Attending by Phone:** Mathew Himmelein,  
**ExCom Members Absent:** Dennis Winters, Mike Hoppus  
**Other Members Attending:** Charlie Isaacs, Emily Davis

The Meeting was called to order at 6:45.  
 Secretary: Minutes approved  
 Treasurer: no report

**Standing Committee Reports**

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

Jim created a google group to communicate with all conservation cmte volunteers - <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/spg-cc-volunteers> - about 55 people so far. I hope to use this to keep our volunteers informed and active on issues that they care about. Perhaps next big opportunity is Lobby Day (not sure of date) in Harrisburg.

***Conservation Committee:*** (Oil Trains)

***Conservation Committee:*** (Green Justice Philly) Dave

GJP planning a "toxic tour" for, Philadelphia Regional Port Authority, Mayor Kenney and other city officials. GJP invited by Philadelphia Regional Port Authority to meet regularly. Philadelphia Energy Solutions (PES) not meeting air quality standards, so may not be eligible for Port proposal. Waiting on report from Enforcement and Compliance History Online (ECHO), then will push to disqualify from port proposals.  
 PES 3-Year Compliance Status

**Philadelphia Energy Source 3-Year Compliance Status**

Clean Air Act												
Clean Water Act												
Resource Conservation & Recovery Act												
Quarters	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

Blue: No Violation, Gray: Unknown/ Not Available, Orange: Noncompliance, Red: Significant Violation

Source: <https://echo.epa.gov/detailed-facility-report?fid=110000336994>

GJP wants to push for law requiring "Technically Best Available Control Technology" (TBACT) if studies show a >1 in 1 million cancer risk from pollutant. (Similar to "Reasonably Achievable Control Technology" (RACT) but more stringent. Matt & Ben will get info on Air Pollution Control Board. AMS responded to GJP letter, "may" request more monitors, but not required.

Want to meet with Kenney after 7 May "Right to Breath" Rally. Some busses coming from Pittsburgh for event.

Meetings: CouncilWoman Gym: A few weeks ago, PennEnvironment had a productive meeting with Shanee from Councilwoman Gym's office and she offered to set up a meeting between the Councilwoman and our coalition in late April.

Office of Sustainability: Sgt. Brown and Dave met with Christine Knapp, Office of Sustainability 7 April 2016, discussed sign-on letter (Gary unable to attend, but he met with Christine at a later date), and air monitoring project.

***Conservation Committee:*** (Pipelines)

Bernie and Jim had a phone meeting with Dianne Herrin and Joe Norley to discuss opportunities to encourage other municipalities to adopt preemptive legislation to head off the threat of energy companies

that can strong arm small town officials and residents to give them right to drill or build pipelines and pumping stations where they are not welcome. See celdf.org. We suggested that they prepare an article for the SPG newsletter and reach out to the Mariner East activist list. And keep in touch with our committee, which will be working with volunteers working with Pipeline Safety Coalition.

**Conservation Committee:** (Urban Air Quality) Jim/Cinzia

F2F meeting planned for May 9. Dave got a contact for the city. I have a contact for Clean Air Council. We need to make a plan for who is doing what going forward.

**Conservation Committee:** (Beyond Coal) Jim

Jim reported that Rally and March 70 to 80 people at the rallies and march down JFK with a police escort Press Release here - <http://content.sierraclub.org/press-releases/2016/05/sierra-club-urges-epa-protect-pa-residents> . Haven't seen any press or online photos yet, but I expect there will be some.

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**Conservation Committee:** (Tabling)

Thanks to tabling volunteers: Maria, Anne, Emily, Jim, Amy, Jean, Dave, Walter, Jim – who spread the word about Sierra Club activities at Earth Day and other events in April in: Bryn Mawr, Villanova, Phila, Narberth. About 25 names/emails have been given to me of folks interested in hearing more about the Sierra Club or volunteering. I have sent a personal email to all in hopes of finding others willing to be an active volunteer. Bernie did some tabling time at Eastern Mountain Sports' Club Day.

**Political Committee:** Bill Brainerd and Karen Melton, Co-chairs

Karen reported that all endorsees won except for one PA house race - district #92

Incumbents – all endorsed incumbents won in the primary

US Congress

001 Bob Brady, North and south Phila, southern Delaware County

013 Brendan Boyle, Northeast Phila, Upper Montgomery County

PA Senate

007 Vincent Hughes, West Phila above Market Street, Upper Darby

017 Daylin Leach, U & L Merion, Haverford, Radnor, Norristown

019 Andy Dinniman, Eastern Chester County

PA House

070 Matt Bradford, Norristown, Worcester, Lower Salford

141 Tina Davis, Bristol, Pendell

148 Mary Jo Daley, Narberth, Lower Merion, Whitemarsh

154 Steve McCarter, Jenkintown, Cheltenham, Springfield

161 Leanne Krueger-Braneky, Swarthmore, Nether, Brookhaven, Aston

166 Greg Vitali, Lower Merion, Haverford, Bryn Mawr, Villanova, Wayne

175 Mike O'Brien, Penn's Landing and environs

185 Maria Donatucci, Southwest Philadelphia, Darby

188 James Roebuck, University City

194 Pam DeLissio, Manayunk, Lower Merion

195 Donna Bullock, Mantua to Strawberry Mansion

198 Rosita Youngblood, Germantown to Broad Street

All but one endorsed non-incumbent won in the primary

PA Senate

009 Marty Molloy, Southern Delaware and Chester Counties

PA House

145 Vera Cole, Far northern Bucks County

150 Linda Weaver, Norristown to Trappe

158 Susan Rzcidlo, Chester Co

163 Barbarann Keffer, Drexel Hill, Lansdowne, Aldan, Clifton Heights

165 Elaine Schaefer, Radnor, Marple, Springfield

192 Lynwood Savage, Overbrook to Market street along City Avenue (lost)

**May 11 meeting:** The committee will process 2 additional candidates for US Congress who did not have competition in the primary including Christina Hartman (Dem. 16<sup>th</sup> Dist., Part of Chester County) Mike Parrish of Chester County won his race for US Congress. He would like our endorsement and plans to go to national

**Newsletter/Communications:** (Pat Beaudet)

Currently we have May 26 scheduled for a convio notice regarding three Red Rock Wilderness presentations in June. Jim asked me if I wanted to include any articles. I hesitate since our plan as I understand it is to do quarterly newsletters for the articles and convios for notices. This plan came out of a request from Prasad that we have a regular schedule so those who write articles can schedule their time We need to discuss a possible schedule.

Pat suggested our newsletters go out on Jan 15; April 15; July 15; Oct 15. The group agreed.

For the July 15 newsletter Pat suggested these articles:

Bill's report on Justice program - programs to resume in the fall

Article/report on World Asthma Day

Red Rock Wilderness campaign to protect

Volunteer Profile (Prasad) - we need to identify someone as the focus

Book Review - I will ask Matt Zencey (professional free lance writer) if he could do something and also suggest a short list of summer reading

Plus one or two more articles with a summer theme: could be gardening, focus on natural area like Pine Barrens or other.

**Education Committee:**\_(Bill Brainerd)

SUWA tentative schedule as of now:

June 6 - Community College of Philadelphia (Philadelphia County)

June 7 - TBD Doylestown (Bucks County) or Media (Doylestown payment of \$78 pending)

June 8 - West Chester (Chester County)

June 9 - TBD Media or Northampton (Bucks County)

The open decisions for June 7 and 9 depend on

1) When we get meeting room in Media - June 7 or June 9 - in Bill's court for now

2) Do we pay for the meeting room in Doylestown vs free community room in Northampton

**Nomination Committee:** No report

## **Old Business**

**Cardinal Crossing:** John reported thatThe Marple Planning commission reviewed the proposed Cardinal Crossing development of 213 acres of wooded property on Sproul Road. The developer Goodman Properties eliminated the Y, Movie and hotel but added a three story office building so the increased traffic flow is still around 32000 trips on Sproul Road.

The resident study for stream water upgrade is still in the works. The planners did not recommend approval but the developer asked for a meeting before the commissioners in early May but no date was set.

**Fundraising:** Jim

Jim gave Anne all of the money I raised from selling garage/attic stuff to use for house parties.

Gov Pinchot Group is having a fundraiser yard sale. Kind of like my marketplace idea. We need to get that going.

### ***Member Engagement:***

We need to find a way to (re)connect with members and occasional contributors (people that sometimes click on a link in a SC email). Organize regionally. Maintain a dialog and listen to their environmental concerns or interests.

***Outings:*** Brian Crenshaw is planning a camping trip to Gov. Pinchot SP with a trip to Brunner Island On June 4 and 5. This is part of Beyond Coal. Jim suggested we join the hikes planned at Valley Forge NP as part of the Park Centennial. Bill continues to lead hikes in Delaware County on the first Saturday of the month from May to November. There will be a hike in Chester County on May 21 at Wolf's Hollow Park. All outings will be put on the calendar on the SPG website. (May11) Jim announced that Brian Crenshaw will head up the outing s.

***Clean Energy March:*** Jim is working with Veronica Coptis in the Sierra Club compliance Office to get Sierra Club to endorse the march. (May11) The group will be allowed to participate as Sierra Club but no funds or public relations will be available from State or National.

### **New Business**

***Meeting Start Time:*** Jim asked that the meeting time be moved to 6:15. Members agreed. End time will be 8:10 to allow for parking time and train schedules.

### ***Chernobyl/Global Warming/ Mercury conference at the UN*** (Mike Hoppus)

Mike represented the Serra Clubs SE PA Group at this meeting. Mostly about subjects that we all know about and agree on. There was one exception. There was a speaker from the US Nuclear Research lab in Idaho who make a case the nuclear energy is required to get us out of global warming danger. There are new designs that actually use old nuclear waste. He stated that if we don't start building that all of the carbon gains from a totally implemented Clean Air Initiative will be negated by 2060. But it does bring up the recent reluctance of our group to even consider sponsoring a nuclear energy speaker. My own thoughts are we are going to have to very informed, very smart, and less resistant to ideas...if we are going to solve this GW problem

### ***Support to Local Organizations:***

Bill moved that \$250 be given to Darby Creek Valley Ass'n for 2016 Creek cleanup. The motion passed. Bill moved that \$250 be given \$250 to Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Ass'n (CRC) for 2016 Creeks cleanup. The motion passed.

Bill moved that \$250 be given to CRC (38 Bishop Hollow Rd, No. 120, Newtown Square PA 19073) to be passed through to Delaware County Conservation District for its Envirothon. The motion passed.

Bill moved that up to \$100 to Northampton Twp Library for use of its rooms. The motion passed.

### **Announcements:**

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

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

June 25, Fight for 15, National Act Up

McDonalds Share Holders Meeting, (Bus trip 24 & 25)

Call in Meeting on May 11 to complete business. Attending: Jim Wylie, Karen Melton, Dave Moscatello, Emily Davis . Notes within May 4 Minutes