

**Sierra Club of Pennsylvania, Southeastern PA Group Executive Committee Meeting
June 4, 2014**

Attending: Pat Beaudet, Bill Brainerd, John Butler (by phone), Emily Davis, Anne Lovett , Allan Walters, Jim Wylie, Dennis Winters,

Not Attending: Mathew Himmelein, Jeanette MacNeille, Len Finegold

Anne called the meeting to order at 6:45

Secretary: Minutes were approved as emailed.

Treasurer: Account Balance: C4: \$548.66

We received a \$200 honorarium from Robin

We supported 4 people who went to DC for a total of \$192

Account Balance: C3: 7887.50 (as of Dec 31, 2013)

Committee Reports

Newsletter/Communications: Pat said the next newsletter would go out in July. Articles could include: The lecture program particularly the wind talk, the picnic, inner city outings, the new Carbon rule meetings and testifying on line, and perhaps endorsed candidate. Bill suggested we might ask Matt Zensey (sp?) to write an article. Endorsements will also be in the October newsletter.

Conservation Committee:

Jim reported that the rally Mountain Top Removal Rally at 17th and Arch (EPA Office): attracted about 30 people and had good media coverage – 3 outlets including channel 3 and 6. Bill reported that the meeting Gillian organized with Congressman Meehan’s staffperson on Production Tax credit was well attended and went well. Other meetings are planned with Sen. Tomlinson (R., Buck Co.), Senator McIlhinney (R., Bucks Co) Senator Peleggi (R., Chester, Delaware). Issues include Tax credit for wind mills and spending less transportation dollars on infrastructure for cars.

Jim reminded us of the people working on issues for this committee.

- 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

Political Committee: Interviews with candidates have been planned for the next 4 weekends

Nomination Committee: There was discussion about making additions / replacements to the ExComm but no resolution.

Old Business:

Education Program: The next program will be June 9 with the topic “The Wind Debate.” Bill said this will cost more than usual because Laura Jackson will need to stay overnight in Philadelphia. Several people indicated interest in joining her for dinner.

Member Picnic: Jim set up an EventBright rsvp and asked all of us to rsvp. Anne’s phone number will be given to those who RSVP.

Meeting Location: Bill moved and Allen seconded that we give \$100 to the Clean Air council to thank them for permitting us to use their space. The motion passed.

Philadelphia Office of Sustainability: There will be a question on the November Ballot to ask if this office shall be made permanent.

New Business:

New Carbon Rules for Existing power plants: There will be 4 opportunities to testify: July 29 in Denver and Atlanta, July 30 in DC and July 31 in Pittsburgh. There was discussion about whether we should support a bus to the DC meeting. It is also possible to comment on-line. Information is available at <http://www2.epa.gov/carbon-pollution-standards/how-comment-clean-power-plan-proposed-rule>

William Kramer's departure:

Chapter Meeting: the July Chapter Meeting will be a camping trip in Erie. Dennis, Bill and Anne are our delegates.

Meeting Location: Jim spoke to us about the possibility of renting meeting space from City Coho, 2401 Walnut Street. It is a LEEDS certified building and rents for a minimum of 5 hours per month. The building provides a variety of space styles. Discussion included looking into the possibility of receiving our mail there and if the Chapter might need space for William's replacement. This expense will use C4 funds so we would need to do some fund raising. Jim can arrange a tour.

William Kramer's departure: There was discussion about any actions we might need to take to fill the void left by William's departure. Bill suggested we might want to bring some of his people on to the ExComm.

Announcements:

The next meeting will be July 2.

June 19: Urban Sustainability Forum: State of the City at the Academy of Natural Sciences

Sign up at eventbrite.com

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/state-of-the-city-an-urban-sustainability-forum-tickets-11784143691>

Wednesday, June 18: Labor and Climate Justice:

Moving from "Jobs OR the Environment" to "Jobs FOR the Environment"

6:45pm to 9pm at AFSCME District 1199C, 1319 Locust St.

Speakers:

Joe Uehlein, Board President of the Labor Network for Sustainability

Khari Mosley, Pennsylvania Regional Programs Manager for BlueGreen Alliance

Barbara Rahke, Director of PhilaPOSH (Philadelphia Area Project on Occupational Safety and Health)