

Minutes of the April 10 2018 SATC Board Meeting

Present were Tim Younces, Jim Stickney, Mark Press, Gail Brossman, Rob Shaw, Kevin Dunleavy, Gary Labelle, Jane Tuckey, and Cindy Radich.

The board approved Jim Stickney to serve in the vacant director position for the remaining term of one year. One additional board position remains vacant.

Sally Brossman volunteered to be the Publicity Chair and Rob Shaw the Finance Chair.

The minutes from the Jan 16, 2018 meeting were approved.

The board approved moving the balance of the Short Term Bond Index Fund account into the Vanguard Short-Term Investment Grade Fund Investor Shares account.

Dave Johnston resigned as Webmaster. Cindy Radich agreed to monitor the Club's email account until a permanent Webmaster can be located.

The board approved \$500.00 to buy a paver for installation at the ATC garden in Harpers Ferry.

The board approved \$229.00 for Rob Shaw to purchase 1000 rack-cards for use in the Club's publicity efforts, pending review and approval of the card design by the board via email.

Written reports by the following committees were submitted and attached to the minutes:

Treasury, Hiking, Web Site, Publicity, Program, and Financial



Susquehanna Appalachian Trail Club Treasurers Report April 10, 2018

Annual banquet

Income: 42 @ 23 = \$966.00

Expenses: VFW Post #7415 \$1032.27 (final cost after deposit and overcharge were refunded)
Program Printing \$18.00
Cake \$60.00?
\$1110.27

Approximate cost: \$144

PNC Checking Balance: \$4175.42
Vanguard VFSTX \$17706.59
Vanguard VBIRX \$10454.48

Gail Brossman's signature authorization replaced Cindy's on our PNC checking account

QuickBooks 2018 online 5-user annual subscription was purchased for \$50.00 through Techsoup (software distributor for non-profits). The data are stored in the cloud and it is not on a specific computer. It requires an annual payment to keep up the subscription. (This was carried over from the 2016-2017 budget.) The 18-year-old club laptop's keyboard is starting to fail.

PNC checking account records and membership payments for the past 90 days have been loaded into QuickBooks online. I plan reduce the number of accounts used to track income and expenses. Many accounts had only one or two entries each year.

The old club chainsaw was taken to Ace Hardware for service and a trade-in estimate. It runs and is in good condition. Trade in is \$100 to \$150 and it originally cost over \$600 so we will keep the old chainsaw. Jeff Buehler was quoted \$561 for a Stihl Model MS261 and I ordered it as he requested.

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Committee Report

Committee Name: *Hiking Committee*

Chair's Name: Cindy Radich

Date: *April 10, 2018*

Board Mtg. Date: April 10, 2018

For the spring quarter, we scheduled 33 hikes which were planned by seven different hike leaders. The summer quarter deadline will be Monday, May 14th. The combination of planned hikes that get published in the newsletter and on line in addition to those that are submitted as additions during the quarter is a successful way of giving members and the public hikes to plot on their calendars in advance as well as giving hike leaders the flexibility to do both long range and short-range planning.

SATC and BMECC will be co-hosting hikes this summer in order to get members from both clubs to enjoy "favorite" trails from each other's area. Our first one is scheduled for June 23 and will be in the BMECC's area, a section of the Horseshoe Trail, and I'm hoping to pick a date in August/September for the hike in our area. Hope it's a successful endeavor.

I have not planned the annual hike leader training as yet. Typically it has been in April or May but was thinking of scheduling it during the summer months.

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Committee Report

Committee Name: *Web Site Committee Report*

Chair's Name: Cindy Radich

Date: *April 10, 2018*

Board Mtg. Date: *April 10, 2018*

The web site committee has completed their work in updating all the content on the old web site to the new. Dave Johnston has completed all the programming necessary to have individuals join SATC and/or donate; SATC members to renew, donate, and update their individual information (i.e. address, email address, phone number) and the ability to check their expiration/renewal dates)

The committee had requested a number of changes/revisions to the “look” of the home page, adding “buttons”, a change to the mountain profile to reflect just SATC’s 20 mile section, to name a few. Dave made most of the changes we asked of him but said that the changes we wanted were more for the graphic web designer than he the programmer, and that he wasn’t interested in doing any additional work on the home page. Dave has chosen to step down as web master.

In the interim to find a web master, Cindy has been monitoring the club’s email account and forwarding the mail to the appropriate people. And has volunteered to get the new web site completed and up and running as soon as possible.

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Publicity Committee Report
January 4, 2018

1. *The Paxton Herald* - Hikes for **October** were published October 4th and 25th. **November** hikes were published on November 1st, **December and January** hikes were published on December 13th, 20th, 27th and on January 3rd.
2. *The Paxton Herald* - article on membership meeting published October 18th.
3. *The Paxton Herald* - article on 50th anniversary of the National Trails System Act and designation of A.T as a national scenic trail was published December 27th.

Still looking for new members to help with display which are coming up in late spring / early summer at various events.

****I am resigning as Publicity Committee Chair effective April 1, 2018.***

Respectfully submitted by:

/s/ Karen M. Balaban

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Addendum:

SATC was present at the Clean Water Happy Hour, 3/28 hosted by the Appalachian Brewing Company. Recreationists were on hand to discuss and share the importance of clean water regarding health, economy and the environment.

Sally Brossman

SATC Program Committee Report

April 9, 2018

April General Membership Meeting:

Our speaker will be: Gwen Loose, Executive Director of the York County Rail Trail Authority.

Gwen is the author of upcoming book "***Unknown Founders: Women Who Built the Appalachian Trail***" to be published this year by the Appalachian Trail Conservancy.

October General Membership Meeting

Gail Brossman, Nancy Kurtz, and Gary Labelle will have a slide show highlighting their recent trip to Africa

December Annual Christmas Party:

For the 3rd year in a row, our infamous ensemble band will perform, and we will have a sing-a-long. Additional participation is welcomed from the board and the general membership.

Respectfully Submitted

J. Stickney

SATC Financial Committee Report

April 9, 2018

The FY2019 approved budget, attached, was sent to Cindy Radich and the Treasurer on March 27th.

Due to the timing of PNC Bank Checking Account Statement, the Committee could not schedule and adequately undertake the normal quarterly financial review and audits before the April Board Meeting April 10th.

The Committee will meet prior to the end of the month. The Treasurer will provide the Final FY 2018 Budget and report on any supplemental financial items.

Rob Shaw will report on the status of the Vanguard Investment Accounts and make recommendations for moving forward.

Resolution of April 15, 2015 regarding Vanguard account authorization (attached) requires updating.

Respectfully Submitted

J. Stickney