

## Minutes of the January 10 2023 SATC Board Meeting

Present at the meeting were Gail Brossman, Gary Labelle, Jonathan Gere, Rob Shaw, Bob Keen, Danielle Todd, Cindy Mundis, and Mark Press.

After review, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2022 board meeting.

After review, the Board voted to approve the Treasurer's report.

The Annual Membership Meeting will be held on 3/31/2023 starting at 6PM at the New Cumberland VFW. Price is \$25.00 per person. A program is still needed and we may need to rent a screen.

Reports were made on determining the cost of replacing the Peters Mountain Shelter. Discussion with a builder of wooden agricultural buildings indicated that current material cost would be about \$15000.00. Contact with other clubs found none of them have recently replaced a shelter. An inquiry to ATC as to what value was assigned to the Shelter during the AT inventory process resulted in no response from ATC as of the time of the meeting. The board discussed these inputs and concluded that the best estimate for replacing both the Shelter and the associated privy would be about \$20000.00.

A line-by-line review of the 2024 proposed budget was conducted. The Treasurer agreed to make changes and resubmit for a vote via email.

Club members Gail Brossman and Cindy Radich proposed to the board a revision of the Bylaws Article II, Membership, Section 4, Delinquent Members. They submitted the following reasons for the change:

We would like to propose that the board consider changing the length that we continue a delinquent member on the membership roll. We believe we would get more delinquent members to renew their memberships if the consequences of being dropped were sooner rather than later. Those consequences being that of not receiving Trail Mail or the Bushwack Bulletin.

We don't know of any membership that allows a person who is no longer a member an additional seven months of membership perks. We are suggesting May 31 st, so that they would not receive the summer edition (June, July, August) of the Bushwack Bulletin or Trail Mail beginning with the first Monday in June.

With our new membership data base, *Monday*, we can more easily send out email reminders quicker and more often to those needing to renew. And in March and April we include renewal reminders in Trail Mail. We feel all members whose renewals are due certainly have an adequate number of reminders prior to having them dropped from the roll.

The board extensively discussed this proposal. The Treasurer recalled that in past board meetings the reason given for having Section 4 of the Bylaws and the specific wording was because of the cost of printing, and especially the cost of mailing the Bushwack Bulletin. In the end the board voted to change the Bylaws to read as follow:

## Article II - Membership

Section 4. Delinquent Members. Any member whose dues are unpaid by April 1 shall be considered delinquent and shall not be allowed to vote; and may no longer receive membership benefits. He/she shall be continued on the SATC membership roll until June 1 when said member or joint members shall be dropped from membership.

The members who requested the Bylaw change are responsible to report that the change was made in the next Bushwach Bulletin.

Finally, Cindy Mundis was appointed to head the Nominating Committee to fill open board positions.