

Minutes of the October 6, 2020 SATC Board Meeting:

Present were Kevin Dunleavy, Gail Brossman, Gary Labelle, Bob Keen, Tim Younes, Rob Shaw, Andrea Viazanko, and Mark Press.

After review, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2020 meeting.

The club has 267 members as of September 30.

In addition to the written Hospitality Report, the President reported on the activities at the Bring-Your-Own-Picnic event at Memorial Lake State Park.

The President reported that there was one work trip since the last board meeting, and three trips to remove graffiti at Shock Rock, including one trip prompted by a complaint phone call from the President of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC) to SATC's President. SATC's proposed Appalachian Trail relocation that takes hikers out of sight of the offensive graffiti at Shock Rock still requires approvals including a biology survey to be conducted by the ATC, which can only be done during the spring session. ATC's route 325 parking lot improvements were not implemented due to the COVID-19 pandemic work restrictions, but ATC indicated the funds should carry forward into the next year.

There will be no Christmas Party this year, but the Club is planning to offer a hike instead. There was discussion about options for next year's banquet, but no decision was taken.

The President described the recent significant contributions made by the Central Pennsylvania Conservancy (CPC) toward acquiring land important to preserving trails and access to trails in the Harrisburg area. The specific acquisitions are the ridge top land east of the Boyd Big Tree property, and the land adjacent to the Peters Mountain Shelter. The President also stated that due to COVID-19 restrictions, the CPC did not raise as much money from the 2020 Iron Masters Challenge as in prior years. Considering these facts, the President requested that the board approve a donation to the CPC. After discussion the board voted to approve a donation of \$1250.00 to CPC with Rob Shaw abstaining from the discussion and the vote.

The next board meeting is planned for January 12, 2021 with Andrea and Gail working on arranging a virtual meeting.

Written reports including those by the following committees were submitted and attached to the minutes: Treasurer/Membership, Financial, Hospitality, Hiking, Website, Communications, and Publicity