

PATC NORTH CHAPTER MINUTES

June 7, 2025
Gypsy Spring Cabin

Participants

North Chapter Officers

Dee Utz (President)

Kathy Seiler (Secretary)

David Trone (Treasurer and District Manager)

North Chapter Committee Chairs

Chris Firme (TT District Manager)

PATC Members

Not recorded.

Dee Utz called the meeting to order at 2:55 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Andy Wolfe made a motion to approve the November 2, 2024 North Chapter minutes. The motion was seconded by Augie Arena and the motion passed.

President's Remarks: Dee Utz asked if anyone is interested in taking over the Presidency? She'll train or stay awhile. Jim Fetig, the PATC President, is doing a good job. Committee heads rotate responsibilities as much as possible.

Treasurer's Remarks: David Trone provided details on checking account activity from November 4, 2024 to June 7, 2025. The checking account balance was \$1,874.77. The North Chapter still has \$3,000 in a Restricted Fund balance for its own use. The total fund balance for the North Chapter was \$4,874.77. A detail report and May 31, 2025 ACNB Bank statement is included with the minutes. Ideas to spend funds included the possibility of a new North Chapter storage shed at Gypsy Spring Cabin.

Appalachian Trail Report: David Trone reported the following:

1. Gary Bruner is the North Chapter sign maker and Gary does a great job. The signs are routed and painted in a professional manner. Let David know your sign requests.
2. David will supply you with white or blue paint in either oil-base or latex form. Paint is purchased from the Sherwin-Williams Store in Gettysburg.
3. DCNR has now stated that moldering privies are allowed in Pennsylvania. I am still waiting to receive an official written notice.
4. Quarry Gap privy: This is a pit privy and must be replaced. The funding for this moldering privy construction expires December 31, 2025. Privy plans still need to be approved and the proper paperwork completed. This process has been going on way too long.
5. Deer Lick privy: This is a pit privy and must be replaced. I will be putting a replacement privy in the PATC budget for 2026.

6. A large group of North Chapter sawyers were recertified in April. I will continue to work with Bob Sickley (ATC) in scheduling future recertification classes at Dead Woman Hollow.
7. Sawyers should continue to send me copies of their new sawyer cards and first aid cards so I can schedule future sawyer classes and First Aid/CPR classes.
8. Dennis Le Compte has milled lumber onsite at Gypsy Spring Cabin (GSC). The cut boards are currently drying under roof near Biglerville, PA. The plan is to construct a picnic table for GSC.
9. Volunteers must fill out a Form 301A (<https://www.gsa.gov/system/files/OF301A-21.pdf>), Service Agreement.
10. To obtain helpful information on ticks including testing, identification, etc., visit Pennsylvania Tick Research Lab (<https://www.ticklab.org>).
11. If you observe groups that do not follow guidelines from the ATC and Michaux State Forest, obtain the group's name and contact me.
12. Each spring I contact a number of organizations, including Boy Scouts, colleges, and Outward Bound, reminding them of ATC and Michaux State Forest (MSF) guidelines on hiking and camping on the AT in MSF.
13. No update on a new roof for Gypsy Spring Cabin and the shed.
14. The AT Thru Hiker Picnic is scheduled for Monday, June 23, at the Oak Pavilion in Caledonia State Park. Thanks to Jim Stauch for getting the Park to reserve it for us.
15. Our Ridgerunner this year is Ellie Strait. We are lucky to have her.
16. I encourage maintainers to give me information concerning strange hikers, anything odd, etc. and I will send out the word as soon as I can to AT trail, shelter, and side trail maintainers. As always, dial 911 immediately, if necessary.
17. The first bridge south of the Old Forge Picnic Area needs replaced. I will list this item in my 2026 budget request.
18. The North Chapter continues to have a great reputation with the hiking community. Tom Reed was graciously thanked by hikers for shuttling them back to their vehicle due to them forgetting their vehicle key.

Membership Report –Hikes Report – Publicity Report – Lands Report - No information.

Maryland Trails Report: David House was not present to make a report.

Tuscarora Trail Report: Chris Firme reported the following:

2025 TUSCARORA TRAIL REPORT

Saturday, January 18, 2025: Snow, cold in the 20s. Cancelled

February 15, 2025: Ice, cold in the low 30s Cancelled

Wednesday, March 26, 2025: Chris Firme, Curtis Bailey, Augie Arena, Tony Long

	Travel	Work
Geyer Trail to Cowans Gap SP	9.5	10.0
Cowans Gap SP to the treadwork		2.0
Total	9.5	12.0

Wednesday, April 9 26, 2025: Chris Firme, Curtis Bailey, Dave Trone, Lee Koller

TT Trail Buchanan SP, Turnpike area to the Fannettsburg Rd.

	Travel	Work
Totals	8.5	20.0

Saturday, April 19, 2025: Chris Firme, Curtis Bailey, Augie Arena, Mike Kiner, Landon Kiner

	Travel	Work
Second Narrows Rd to Fowlers Hollow	10.5	13.0

Wednesday, April 30, 2025: Chris Firme, Al Musser, Augie Arena, Tony Long, Nick Erway

	Travel	Work
Rineman WS New signs Four done	12.5	30.0
Nick and Augie blowdowns done		

Saturday, May 17, 2025: Cancelled due to Rain

Christopher Firme
Tuscarora Trail District Manager



Tools Report: Ken May was not present to make a report.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. The ninth Appalachian Trail Outdoor Festival at Red Run Park, Waynesboro (organized by volunteers and many North Chapter members) will be Saturday, June 14, 10-4. Volunteers welcome. See Kathy Seiler. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the day.
2. The Antietam Shelter is now at Cowan's Gap, to be reconstructed by the PA Outdoor Corps, July 7-14. It needs a roof and floor, two bottom logs replaced, and piers instead of sitting on the ground. Al Black numbered the logs to keep them in order. The Park has no extra money to help but perhaps the Friends of Cowan's Gap State Park could assist. The approved site is at group camping to be used only for educational purposes, not overnight use (discussion on how to oversee that?). Perhaps signage about its historical value will be erected.
3. Little Cove – access road is really ripped up due to heavy rains in May; needs stone. One oak tree near the cabin is dead and needs felled.

4. Corn Roast – Saturday August 2 – discussion of where? Gypsy Spring or Little Cove? Dave will send out an email vote to respond.
5. Elections will be November 1 – consider running for office
6. Tom Rostek has passed. He did work at Silberman and Gypsy Spring cabins. He will be missed.
7. Chris suggested we plant serviceberry trees for the memory of Tom and Bob Wise, our past North Chapter President. Kathy knows of a local native plant source and will check on that.

Upcoming Events: North Chapter Fall Meeting – November 1, 2025 at Gypsy Spring Cabin.

Tom Reed made the motion to conclude the meeting. Augie Arena seconded the motion and the motion passed. The June 7, 2025 North Chapter meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Seiler
North Chapter Secretary



**PATC North Chapter
Treasurer Report
11.02.24 - 06.07.25**

11.02.24 Fall Meeting Balance	4,874.77
Revenue	
Donations	0.00
PATC reimbursements	194.23
Total Revenue	194.23
Expenses	
Meals - meetings	194.23
Memberships	0.00
Total Expenses	194.23
06.07.25 Spring Meeting Balance	<u>4,874.77</u>

Date	Check	Payee	Description	Checking			North Chapter Trails Restricted Fund			Total Balance
				Payment	Deposit	Balance	Payment	Deposit	Balance	
11.02.24			Fall Meeting Balance			1,874.77			3,000.00	4,874.77
11.02.24	1063	Esther Aulthouse	North Chapter Nov. meeting meal	111.05		1,763.72			3,000.00	4,763.72
11.20.24		PATC	expense reimbursement		111.05	1,874.77			3,000.00	4,874.77
04.12.25	1064	Esther Aulthouse	North Chapter AT dinner	83.18		1,791.59			3,000.00	4,791.59
04.29.25		PATC	expense reimbursement		83.18	1,874.77			3,000.00	4,874.77
06.07.25			Spring Meeting Balance			1,874.77			3,000.00	4,874.77

Submitted: 06.07.25
By: David R. Trone, Treasurer





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

POTOMAC APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB
NORTH CHAPTER
1090 CENTER MILLS RD
ASPERS PA 17304-9725

Statement Ending 05/31/2025

POTOMAC APPALACHIAN TRAIL

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Account Number: XXXXXXXXX6723

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Summary of Accounts

Account Type	Account Number	Ending Balance
Free Business Checking	XXXXXXXXX6723	\$1,874.77

Free Business Checking - XXXXXXXXXX6723

North Chapter

Account Summary

Date	Description	Amount
05/01/2025	Beginning Balance	\$1,957.95
	0 Credit(s) This Period	\$0.00
	1 Debit(s) This Period	\$83.18
05/31/2025	Ending Balance	\$1,874.77

