

**Mid-Atlantic Chapter
Society for the Preservation of Old Mills**

**March 28, 2009
Semiannual Meeting**

Location: Union Mills
3311 Littlestown Pike
Westminster MD 21158

Attendees: See Attachment A

President Bob Lundegard opened the business meeting at 9:00 AM. He thanked Ivan and Marlene Lufriu and the other Union Mills hosts for arranging the meeting and welcomed attendees and introduced new officers. Other attendees identified themselves and their mill associations.

The following board members were elected on a motion by Bob McLaughlin, seconded by Ken Faulstich, and carried by unanimous vote: Chuck Ives, Ivan Lufriu, Marlene Lufriu, Nick Yannarell, and Charles Yeske.

Copies of the minutes from the last meeting at the Agricultural & Industrial Museum in York, PA on August 9, 2008, were approved as submitted on a motion by Richard Abbott, seconded by Tom Graham. Motion carried.

The treasurer, Jane Sewell reported a balance of \$2,339 prior to the meeting. Additional memberships and meeting fees received today were not included in that total.

Ivan Lufriu served as the Mid-Atlantic Chapter representative to the SPOOM Board Meeting held via teleconference on February 8, 2009. His report is Attachment B.

Susan Langley, editor, proposed three annual publications of the SPOOM MA newsletter with deadlines as follows: April 24 for events up to July 31; July 24 for events to the end of September; and September 21 for the rest of the year. Articles should be sent to slangle06@comcast.net. The newsletter will be posted within a week of each deadline at <http://www.unionmills.org/spoommidatlantic>.

Bob Lundegard reported on the “Every Member Gets a Member” SPOOM membership growth initiative which he promotes in every issue of Old Mill News. Members are reminded to distribute extra copies of previous OMN issues to libraries and other local sites and to prospective members along with membership forms. Complimentary cross promotion in publications of related organizations has been suggested.

In the discussion following Bob’s report, Mason Maddox agreed to use his TIMS and SPOOM-MA distribution list to mail a reproducible form for both national and chapter SPOOM membership. Members are encouraged to display these forms at local sites. Addresses for possible national and regional cross promotion in related organizations may be submitted to Bob Lundegard at Boblund@Verizon.net. The suggestion was made to match reciprocal advertising at the respective levels – national, region or state, and local. For example, SPOOM’s Old Mill News and the TIMS Journal would cross-advertise in their magazines at the national level; local mills might promote nearby sites with links on their websites or brochures in display racks.

Bob Lundegard encouraged member mills to publicize events on the SPOOM MA website and newsletter. He challenged our chapter to take the initiative to communicate with other chapters. Mason reminded members to send information to him to be

circulated via his E-mail distribution list for SPOOM and TIMS. Tom Graham mentioned an online event clearing house for mill activities to help sponsors publicize events. He will find contact information on this.

Judy Grove reported that Bob Lundegard, chair of the Research subcommittee of Mid-Atlantic Milling Bi-Centennial Committee, has requested bibliographical source materials from several experts in the field with little response to date. Remaining committee work was postponed until the Round Table Discussion to follow the close of this meeting.

Bob Lundegard as outgoing vice president summarized his final Mid-Atlantic Chapter Report to the SPOOM-MA newsletter (Attachment C). Then incoming vice president, Bob McLaughlin, reported that his deadlines for submitting Mid-Atlantic Chapter news to OMN are the first of February, May, August, and November. Members are encouraged to submit information profitable for a wider audience to him at Rlm101@verizon.net by those dates.

Ivan Lufriu presented a report and picture display on the status of ongoing mill preservation activities at Sickman's Mill in Conestoga, Pa; Tide Mill at Poplar Grove in Matthews County, VA, and Thomas Family Mill in Charlottesville, VA . He just received a request from and will be in contact with the Civil War Roundtable about Folcks Mill, a 19th century grist mill that was damaged in a civil war battle known as "the Battle of Folcks Mill". The mill is located just east of Cumberland MD.

Bob Lundegard expressed regrets on behalf of Charles Yeske, host of the August 15 Meeting at Stover-Myers Mill at 400 Dark Hollow Road, Pipersville PA 18947 in Bucks County who was not able to attend this meeting. The one-day August meeting will include a business meeting, a talk by Earl Brown on the Worldwide Flour Trade, box lunch, site exploration and the Mercer Museum in Doylestown. The Mercer holds American's best collection of pre-industrial tools and artifacts, including many mill-related items.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 for the Roundtable Discussion on the upcoming Bicentennial of Milling project. (Attachment D)

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Grove, secretary

Chapter Meeting Attendees, March 28, 2009

Attachment A

<u>Name</u>	<u>Mill</u>
Judy Grove	Wallace Cross Mill, PA
Doris McMurphy	Wallace Cross Mill, PA
Kirk Horstman	Evans-Mumbower Mill
Susan Langley	NA
Rudolph Hershey	NA
Mason G. Maddox	Colvin Run Mill, VA
Jon E. Joyce	Locke's Mill, VA
Ivan Lufriu	Union Mills, MD
Chris Gillis	NA
Bob McLaughlin	NA
Michael Gillis	NA
Dick Peeling	Union Mills, MD
Jean Sansonetti	Muddy Creek Forks Mill, PA
Craig Sansonetti	Muddy Creek Forks Mill, PA
Richard Abbott	Peirce Mill
Ken Faulstich	Peirce Mill
Tom Graham	NA
Nick Yannarell	Colvin Run Mill, VA
Bob Lundegard	Colvin Run Mill, VA
Dan Cox	Union Mills, MD
Jane Sewell	Union Mills, MD
Shriver Foster	Union Mills, MD
Marlene Lufriu	Union Mills, MD

Annual Conferences: 2009 Albany OR. Sept 23-27. Hosted by Oregon Parks

2010 Raleigh, NC Sept 29-Oct 3 Hosted by Yates Mill

2011 Fairfax County VA date not set Hosted by Colvin Run Mill

2012 Napa Valley CA Sept Hosted by Bales Mill and the California State Parks

Old Mill News: Looking for technical articles; getting mostly historical articles.

Mill Roster: Need more chapter involvement in keeping mill lists updated.

Membership: Decreasing nationally. A task force is looking at ways to increase membership. Consisting of Robert Lundegard, Ivan Lufriu, and Dave Haines, this team is looking at increasing the rolls through personal contact and contacts with organizations having similar interests.

Note: Chapter members do not have to be National members – except for officers.

It was also suggested that if a Chapter is charging, e.g. \$10 annual dues and \$15 for those who are not national members, then the Chapters should consider making a donation to National with the difference.

Chapter news should be exchanged between Chapters; including newsletters, but especially notices of future events. This information should also be sent to our website.

See www.spoom.org

A new location is being considered for the SPOOM archives. It is Newlin Mills in eastern PA. Archives consist of many documents, books, tapes, photographs, slides, postcards, etc. Paintings in the archives will be circulated from mill to mill.

SPOOM Miller Training Program: 9 of 10 required topics and 2 of 7 optional topics must be completed to receive certification.

The New Administration for the SPOOM-MA Chapter

Attachment C

The March 28, 2009 Chapter meeting will celebrate the leadership of Chuck Ives as the founding first President of our Chapter. Chuck laid the foundations and served for two terms as our first President. We all thank Chuck for getting the Chapter underway and establishing the policies and style for our continuing growth. I am pleased to follow his footsteps and to continue the good work that he started and the collegial and steady style in the conduct of his duties as president.

I look forward to working with Robert McLaughlin, our new vice-president, and to Judy Grove, our new Secretary. Jane Sewell will continue as Treasurer. A new but familiar Board will be appointed at the March 28, 2009 meeting. I want to personally thank each of these persons for their willingness to serve.

The Agenda for the Business Meeting is below.

Our projects: 1. for SPOOM membership growth, 2. for preservation assistance to mill owners, and 3. for spreading the word on the 200 year history of milling in the Mid-Atlantic region will be discussed.

The latter project will assemble and package items of milling history for presentation to the public. The packaging can be in the form of newspaper or web site articles, posters or flyers for display at mill events, audio/video anecdotes or documentaries for the media, or talks at mill meetings. The 2011 SPOOM national meeting at Colvin Run Mill will feature information on the Mid-Atlantic milling history that can draw on our assembled information.

Following the business meeting, Judy Grove will lead a roundtable discussion of this project.

Scope of the Project: The long term goal of the project is to assemble and make available a database of historical information on the industrial heritage of mills in the Mid-Atlantic region. The short term goal is to prepare workshops, DVD, displays and other educational materials for the National SPOOM convention to be held at Colvin Run in September, 2011 to mark their 200th anniversary. The focus of these educational displays will be the burgeoning of the wheat and flour production in the mid-Atlantic area from 1760 to 1860.

Name: Since the term Bicentennial applies more specifically to Colvin Run, it will be dropped. Because of the shock value versus the negative connotation to Flour Explosion is still being debated, the final title will be decided at a future meeting.

Research: Bob Lundegard will coordinate the compilation of an overview of the topic and contact Earl Brown (Susquehanna Valley), Brooke Hunter (Baltimore), John McGrain (Philadelphia), and others for case studies in their areas of expertise. This information will form the basis for the educational materials and workshops that will be prepared for 2011.

Funding: The Founders Fund of SPOOM, grant money through National and State Historical and Museum Commissions, registration fees for the 2011 SPOOM Meeting at Colvin Run, and individual donors were suggested. Judy Grove will prepare a description that can be used to approach potential donors. Susan Langley will contact the MD HMC.

Archives: Jon Joyce will contact Lance Braun. TIMS-A archivist about indexing SPOOM MA materials. He will be asked for a suggested template for bibliographical sources. Hagley Museum, Newlin Mills, and York County Heritage Trust were named as possible destinations for SPOOM MA materials. Judy Grove and Mason Maddox will investigate.

SPOOM 2011 Workshops: Earl Brown, Brooke Hunter and John McGrain will be asked to present paper/s on their area of expertise. A possible fourth workshop would be a generalized overview of Flour Milling in the Mid-Atlantic Region.

Flour Explosion DVD: A final product with narration included is recommended rather than a PowerPoint with script to ensure a more consistent presentation. Mike Dolan has produced video clips for Peirce Mill; these can be viewed on their website. The goal is to make this DVD available in the Mid-Atlantic region and also at the SPOOM conference for a nominal cost.

Next Steps: Bob L will ask for time at the August meeting to continue discussion of details. At that time, progress to date on research and funding will be shared and volunteers will be recruited to prepare the educational resources and begin support for National Milling Day and possible Oliver Evans stamp.