

**November Path Board Meeting and General Meeting
November 21, 2009 Salisbury, NC**

Brief Summary:

Sarah and I want to thank the 27 members who attended the meeting yesterday. We enjoyed having you all in Salisbury. We had a great meeting and we got a lot accomplished. It looks like a great year(2010) coming up. PATH is moving in the right direction. I want to thank all the members present who volunteered for positions next year. With all that we will be doing we will be ready for the Biennial in 2011. We missed Bill Boudman(Attila) at the meeting, but he had obligations in Raleigh. He had a long time neighbor to die and he had to help care for their yard and attend the funeral. Don't worry-Bill has big plans for us next year. It was good to have Mark Harrison and Barry Hester with us. Mark has moved back to Winston from New Bern. Barry and Chris lead our Monitoring Program. Barry has confirmed the Aspens on Marcia and his section from Va. 615 to US 52. He says their maybe up to 2 dozen of them there. We will have to visit them next year. As usual the food was great. We have great cooks in PATH.

Prepare for the first worktrip in March, 2010. We will be in Sugar Grove.

john hartpence-secretary

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1. Twenty-Seven members and friends attended the meeting.
2. Treasurer's report--as of 11/20/09--Income-\$6,909.77 Expenses-\$6, 945.87--Total--Loss of \$36.10
Dues income-\$2,021.90. This is down \$829.36 for the year. We have only 130 members who have paid dues.
3. RPC Meeting Review
 - A. Put the ATC on the historic register
 - B. Joe Parrish to take over for Kerry Wood(Konnarock-Blacksburg ATC)
 - C. Created an assistant position to help Dave at Konnarock
4. Grants-
 - A. Paul Haag assisted by Marcia Cope will be encharge of Grants
 - B. Apply to L.L. Bean for a grant by January 10.
--\$2,000 for tools(hard hats, shin guards, swing blades and a chain saw on a stick(STIHL-\$600)
--\$1,000 for a GPS System and hardware
5. Signs--Mark Doty will be encharge of making signs--need up to 55 signs. Dwight Levi will check with Lowes on the cost of posts and hardware.
6. Tilson Farmstead-
 - A. Closed on November 5, 2009
 - B. Tom Blevins-USFS Mount Roger's- will check on grazing-Steve Yonts reports that Jerry has put more cows on the property.
 - C. We will begin work in the Spring on the property. We will cut the Hawthorns and trees. We will look at putting a fence around the cemetery. If we can get a grant we may

put a wrought iron fence around it--- That would be more historically correct

7. Work on repairing or putting up a fence on the Davis Path Cemetery

8. Chestnut Meadow Plan

---the USFS says that it has no money or manpower to mow the meadow-We will have to do it ourselves.

9. The house at Walker Gap is slated to be removed in 2010.(ATC)

10. Va. 86---Will Merritt reports that a cattle gate with a lock has been put across the road. It is not locked yet.

11. Konnarock--One week in 2010--July work weekend--at Jenkins Shelter.

12. Bridge a Laurel Creek will be replaced in 2010(Va. 615).

13. The USFS has our gates and will install them this year.

14. We need volunteers for the Biennial ATC Conference(July, 2011) at Emory and Henry University. We will be leading hikes on all of our sections of trail. Chris Bracknell will be in charge of entertainment. We have all types of jobs for members to do.

15. WE NEED TO PAY OUR DUES!!!! \$15 for a single member or \$17.50 for a family membership. We also need to recruit new members for 2010/11.

16. Chris Bracknell will lead a Safety workshop on each work trip.

17. Steve Yonts and Jim Houck met with Bland County--Willie Howlett(administrator). The got him up to date on the AT near Bland.

18. Summerfest 9 will be in June, 2010 at the Tilson Farmstead. We will have a 45th Anniversary celebration at Summerfest.

19. Mark Doty and Dwight Levi were elected to a term of three years on the Board of Directors.

19. Next Board Meeting--March, 2010--Friday of the PATH work trip in Sugar Grove.

John Hartpence-Secretary