

# Charleroi Mountain Club --- Annual Meeting

Called by: Managers  
Place: Elk County, PA (camp)  
Date: August 15, 2015

## **Agenda:**

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| 1. Roll Call & Proxies    | Capenos    |
| 2. Moment of Silence      | Virgin     |
| 3. Treasurers Report      | Virgin     |
| 4. Old Business           | Capenos    |
| 5. New Business           | Bachman    |
| 6. Facilities             | Augenstein |
| 7. Motions from the floor | Membership |
| 8. Election of Officers   | Capenos    |
| 9. Meeting wrap-up        | Capenos    |

## **Roll Call & Proxies (Capenos)**

	Augenstein	present
	Bachman	present
proxy	Bauman	
	Bertocci	present
proxy	Brady	
proxy	Byers, Joe	
nr	Byers, Ron	proxy to Weiss
	Carlson	present
	Capenos	present
nr	Duff	
proxy	Grenfell	
	Halt	present
proxy	Repurchased (howell)	proxy to managers
	Ingram	absent
proxy	Kalp	
nr	McDonald	
nr	McHolme	Dean verbal proxy to R Virgin
proxy	McHolme	Jim
proxy	McHolme	Norman
proxy	Nagy	

proxy	Sapula	
proxy	Sporio	Mike
proxy	Sporio	Robert
	Thames	present
	Thunborg	present
	Virgin	Matt
		proxy to R Virgin
	Virgin	Rich
		present
	Weiss	present

**NOTES:**

**During roll call it was clarified that ‘verbal’ proxies cannot be honored. If we do not receive a written and signed proxy we must count the member(s) in question as absent. Any member that has any doubt about being able to attend the meeting is advised to remit a properly executed proxy in advance of the meeting then, if they are able to attend after all, they may rescind their proxy and vote in person.**

### **Moment of Silence (Virgin)**

### **Treasurers Report (Virgin)**

**NOTES:**

**The 2014 Treasurers report was reviewed and accepted without any concerns.**

Motion to Accept: C Augenstein    Second: B Thunborg            Carried

### **Old Business (Capenos)**

**NOTES:**

- **It was noted that the recently implemented book-keeping, statements and periodic review of guest fees has eliminated all unpaid balances. Unpaid guest fees will be included on the statements going forward.**
- **The website seems to well received and a number of members commented on information they have obtained from the site.**
- **Bylaws and Rules updates were called out as having affected a) some references to “mail” have been expanded to include “mail/email”, b) the guest fees have been updated from \$2 to \$5 to reflect the correct amount**

Motion to Accept: V Bertocci    Second: C Carlson            Carried

## **New Business (Bachman)**

### NOTES:

- Camp bridge replacement went well, many thanks to Matt Virgin and his crew who gave us a huge head start by demolishing the old decking the previous weekend. We still need to get 'runners' to span the length of the bridge under the tire path to help spread the weight of heavier pickups and trailers.
- Dues will remain \$200 for 2016.
- The Virgin crew also handled the replacement of the dining table top.
- Logging has begun at the top of dry, generated \$106k gross, deduct K&S Forestry's 10% plus the 'pulp wood' deduct and we have received two checks from Walker Lumber totaling \$56k so far and the final \$36k is expected in a matter of days. Chuck Augenstein asked if we knew whether any veneer trees had been marked/taken but that answer was not known.
- CMC paid \$5,000 for the Howell membership and it is not for sale at this point. Doc commented that any future sale needs to be done 'the right way' and Rich confirmed that the managers will handle that if and when the time comes.

Motion to Accept: Thames    Second: Halt            Carried

## **Facilities (Augenstein)**

### NOTES:

- Septic tank was pumped on Saturday, according to the log it has been 6 years but that was debated in light of the blocked drains experienced in Bear Camp a couple years back.
- New mattresses will ordered, 10 of them, and should be in sometime this fall. The remaining 10 will be pursued if we are happy with the first batch.
- Doc Thames suggested camp could use a larger refrigerator, possibly moving the current one to the back room and getting rid of the other two old ones. The managers agreed to look into the possibility.
- The condition of the lower camp bridge was discussed but input is needed from Mike Ingram who has stated in the past that he has the materials needed for this work so we will need to follow up with him.
- Doc Thames asked about the testing/condition of camps fire extinguishers and Chuck reported that testing and re-certification cost nearly exceeds replacement cost and that we should simply check them ourselves by: a) flipping them upside to make sure their content can be felt moving bottom to top; b) making sure the hose is flexible and not brittle and c) observing the gauge to be sure it still reads in the green.
- We continue to see more and more trails being created here and there around the property and the members again discussed signage and posting options but it was generally agreed that

that has not been effective in the past. Rich Virgin suggested simply dropping some trees across the obvious areas where folks are taking too great a liberty in hopes of discouraging some of this trespass without upsetting the local folks who are generally more respectful.

- The removal of tall trees, those that could hit camp if they fell, was discussed again and it was agreed that two opinions would be sought... since Walker Lumber is already logging at the top of Dry they will be asked if they are interested, and Mike Ingram has as indicated he can get us the other opinion. The issue will be revisited by the managers once additional input has been received.
- Another issue that may arise, as logging expands down toward camp in coming years, is the need to improve Dry Hollow since all lumber must leave via Grant Trail. It was decided that we would first seek input from Walker Lumber since they clearly have the experience both in extricating trees from difficult terrain and the maintenance of basic logging access roads.
- Keith Bachman suggested that we consider repainting the interior of the building, particularly the block walls, during next years work weekend.

Motion to Accept: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ Carried: Y / N

### **Motions from the Floor**

NOTES:

- **There were no motions from the floor**

Motion to Accept: \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ Carried: Y / N

### **Election of Officers (Capenos)**

NOTES:

- **A motion to retain the current managers was made and carried.**

Motion to Accept: Thunborg Second: Bertocci Carried

### **Meeting Wrap-Up (Capenos)**

NOTES:

- **Keith Bachman noted that the managers are considering holding our annual meeting in January or February to align more closely with our financial year which is based on the calendar. Opinions were expressed both ways but there was no significant pushback to the idea since we all agreed that work weekend and the annual meeting are indeed two distinctly different and physically unrelated functions of camp. No firm decision was made at this moment but membership has been advised of the possibility.**
- **The meeting was adjourned without delay**

