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## ***Wild Ones of South Central PA Monthly Meeting via Zoom January 27, 2025 Minutes***

Link to recording: [Wild Ones SCPA Monthly Meeting - Zoom](#)

### **Attendance (B - Business Meeting, M- Membership Meeting)**

Members:

Jane A. (President) – B	
Lorrie P. (Membership Chair) – B	June H. M
Tami H. (Secretary) – B	Karen R. - M
Margaret N. (Treasurer) – B	Kristen A. - B
Cindy H. (Director) – B	Mary L. - B
Wendy S. (Director) – B	Melanie G. - B
Leo G. – M	Nancy A. - M
Arlene T. – B	Nancy B. - B
Cindy Hk. – M	Nancy S. - M
Deb L – B	Nathan R. - B
Ember J. – B	Ruth S. - M
Jeremy K. – B	Shawna R. - M
Joanne C. – M	Susan W. - M
Joyce W. – B	Terry B. - M

Other attendees: Avis P. - B

### **Business Meeting (6:30 pm):**

Minutes of Nov/Dec 2024 Meeting – Approved with typographical correction

Membership – Lorrie P.

- We added 3 **new memberships** in December, which included 1 family membership. Welcome to Barbara D., Kimberly K., and Janet and Ronald L.
- To date in January, we have added 3 additional new memberships. Welcome Nathan R., Allison W., and June H.
- Referrals came from a Wild Ones member in Maryland, Facebook, our Seed Swap, Instagram, a gift from a friend, and word of mouth from a friend.
- We had a total of 8 **renewals** over the same period – 3 in December and 5 in January. Thank you to everyone who renewed their membership. We're glad to have you with us.
- We had 1 **expired** membership in December.



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- This brings us to a total of 105 memberships, which includes 7 group memberships, giving us a total of 112 members.
- We are very pleased to announce the approval of the first two Certified Habitats by National Wild Ones within our chapter.
- Kevin K.'s habitat was certified on 12/10/24.
- Angela G. earned the second certified habitat on 1/19/25.
- Congratulations to both of you!

Jane noted that Jan 27th is third anniversary of start of SCPA WildOnes Chapter – started as a Seedling.

Treasurer – Margaret N.

- Check from last year's Diakon plan sale came in.
- 2024 financial account all reconciled.
- No real expenditures except for \$100 to Kevin Kelly for talk.
- Sold 48 pairs of gloves - \$240 raised (\$248 was cost for 12 dozen gloves)
- Talked about how to provide receipts when selling gloves. Do we need to get any information from people in order to provide receipt for purchases based on guidance from National. Margaret to get more details.
- Question regarding sales tax. Wendy had investigated – no sales tax because is considered clothing.
- \$3280.65 current balance + Diakon deposit will be \$4903.40
- Jane asked Margaret if we still had outstanding financial report to close out on WildOnes site. Appears one still needs to be reconciled.
- Main Street sponsors (WildOnes initiative) – try to get business sponsors. We have not pursued that yet.

Report on Social Media and Google Docs progress – Jane A.

Meeting of board officers/Directors on 23Jan2025. No dedicated person for social media.

Heather A. has been posting for the group in interim. Have a Google Drive with potential posts ready to go for every month of the year. Want to do approximately 2 postings a month

(Facebook, Instagram). Kristen A. volunteered to do the postings and manage Google Drive.

She will work with Heather A. to work out logistics. A folder for posts and also a folder for photos. Folders by the month or by topic, for example: insects, butterflies, wildlife, etc.

Goal is to create a library for photos that members can contribute to and use for postings or presentations.

People who submit photos to be aware that others can use them. More to come once logistics are worked out.



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**Committee Reports:**

- *Programs:* Jane A. – noted that Plant Sale will be on May 10<sup>th</sup>
- *Field Trips:* Update on dates for calendar Jane A. (See attached calendar). Highlights below:
  - April 26<sup>th</sup> - Mt. Cuba Center, 10:00am
  - May 10<sup>th</sup> – Plant Sale at Diakon (Boiling Springs), 9:00 – 3:00pm
  - May 18<sup>th</sup> - Lady Slippers/Michaux Forest, 1:30pm
  - June 17<sup>th</sup> - Conococheague, 3:00pm
  - July 12<sup>th</sup> (13<sup>th</sup> as rain date) - Member Garden Tour, 1030 am start. 3 members gardens: Mary & Paul Lundeen, then McGrath’s Bakehouse (lawn to meadow conversion), Mimi & Tom Clark (Arcona)
  - July 23<sup>rd</sup> StormFest, 4:30 Set-up, 5:30-8:00pm
  - August - Ladew Topiary Garden and Heartwood Nursery
  - September 14<sup>th</sup> – Member Potluck at the Bower
  - October 19<sup>th</sup> – King’s Gap 1:30pm
  - November 9<sup>th</sup> – Seed Share, 1:00pm, Giant Community Room, Camp Hill
- *Community Outreach Report* (Townships, Landscapers, Garden Centers, Developers): Heather A., Lisa E., Wendy S.
  - Jane A discussed Highspire Green Spaces collaboration - Highspire group asked Audubon for help with Native plants for green spaces and Audubon copied Jane. Jane sent WildOnes native plant info/booklet.
  - Schools Outreach: Kerri T., Karen R. – No report
- Lorrie P. – Chapter should start thinking about complimentary memberships to give out for 2025 (we can give 3). Discussed possibility of Manager of Ashcombe since the nursery is getting more into native plants.
- Group discussed doing a plant swap (Cindy H.). Maybe late May or early June to not conflict with Plant Sale. Cindy H. to organize and work with Joane C.
- Margaret N. - State of the Chapter Report is completed.

**General Membership Meeting:**

7:15 pm Review of Business Meeting including updates on Calendar Dates, membership and treasurer’s report (current balance), Google Drive for photos and post materials. See above for details.



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Introductions and Query of the Month: *What plants have you successfully grown from seed? By planting via milk jugs, in pots, or straight into the ground? And where did you procure your seeds?*

Jane A described two methods for winter sowing:

1. Sow in wet sand, put into refrigerator, take out in March. After germinate, pot up and grow under lights
2. Sow in milk jugs, leave outside

Examples of natives others have had good luck winter-sowing:

Great St. John's Wort

Great Blue Lobelia

Giant Hyssop

Orange Butterfly Weed

Swamp Milkweed

Verbesina

Penstemon

Joe Pye Weed

Senna

Columbine

Asters

Goldenrod

Lupine

Turtlehead

New York Iron Weed

Clustered Mountain Mint

New Jersey Tea

Black-eyed Susans

Cardinal Flower

Virginia Bluebells

Some are very slow to establish and to flower.

Lorrie P. discussed upcoming [Great Backyard Bird Count](#). Birding event that is sponsored by Cornell Lab of Ornithology – a Citizen Scientist project. Takes place Feb 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. Report birds you see (same area every day – backyard, part, etc.). Report (using e-bird). There is a free live event on how to participate – offered on Feb 6<sup>th</sup> and Feb 12<sup>th</sup> [Register for Great Backyard Bird Count Webinar](#). Lorrie will post on WildOnes ListServe.



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Lorrie also described Audubon's "Birds and Coffee" at the indoor bird viewing area at the Olewine Nature Center at Wildwood Park, the second Saturday of each month from 10-11 a.m. November through April. Appalachian Audubon members are there to help you learn to identify the birds at the feeders as part of "Project FeederWatch," another citizen science project sponsored by Cornell. Appalachian Audubon and Dauphin County Parks and Rec. co-host this event and serve free cups of Audubon's organic, bird-friendly coffee, as well as tea and hot cocoa to participants.

Wendy S. – Alliance for Chesapeake Bay Seedling Savers – due to time constraints, Wendy will discuss at next meeting

Feb 10<sup>th</sup> – Doug Tallamy talk "What's the Rush"

Attached: January Meeting Minutes, updated Calendar, Corrected Nov-Dec Meeting Minutes, Google Drive Meeting Minutes