

Appalachian Mountain Club Delaware Valley Chapter Annual Report for 2021

2021 was another challenging year Overview by the Chapter Chair

2021 continued to be a challenging but rewarding year for our chapter. It was a year of thinking outside the box, using alternative avenues to stay engaged with our members and executing a focused approach to startup planning and activities.

The pandemic continued to alter our plans and unfortunately after almost two years of planning we again had to cancel hosting AMC's Fall Gathering in our region.

The executive committee, volunteers and club members were all eager to get back to outdoor activities and club sponsored events. We hosted a leader engagement social at Green Lane Park to celebrate our leaders.

This event was well attended after a year of shut down with good conversations about getting outdoors again and hosting trips for our members. We provided custom L L Bean fleece jackets as well as other leader gifts for keeping activities on the calendar when possible, during the current pandemic.

The executive committee also focused on planning an event this fall to reengage our club members that resulted in a very successful and well-attended member social and gear swap and sale in September.

This year our chapter added a First Aid Chair to the Executive Committee who has been very busy developing a plan to provide Wilderness First Aid certification for our club leaders and members.

Our communications and IT volunteers worked tirelessly to redesign and launch the new Delaware Valley AMC website. This was a huge success with a lot of positive feedback from our chapter members.

Due to lack of interest and little to no posted trips over the past few years we have decided to eliminate the position of Ski Chair from the executive committee. The chapter will revisit if there is interest in the coming years.

The Delaware Valley chapter is well positioned to kick off a great 2022 year of outdoor activities and events while continuing our online presence and restarting our Backpack, Hiking and Leadership workshops and training.

— *Bill De Stefano, Chapter Chair*

Appie Awards for 2021

Lisa Kleinman, Appie of the Year

Susan Weida, Golden Appie of the Year

2022 Executive Committee Nominees

Chair	Karla Geissler**
Vice Chair	Open
Secretary	Midori Wakabayashi
Treasurer	Margaret McDonald
Backpacking	Steven Campanelli
Bicycling	Open
Communication	Eric Pavlak
Conservation	Adrian Noble
Family Activities	Annette Sheldon
Hiking	Blase Hartman
Diversity	Marcia Telthorster*
Leadership	Ron Phelps*
Membership	Lisa Chou*
Paddling	Eric Pavlak
Social	Annette Sheldon**
Trails	Greg Bernet
20s & 30s	Katie Barok*

* new to the Executive Committee

** new to this position

Backpacking

AMC-DV Backpacking has seen a steady increase in the number of trips (post-pandemic) for 2021.

We had a total of 17 trips with a combined distance of 450 miles. To help balance the offering AMC-DV had two women's only backpack trips, three winter trips, four beginner trips, one multi-day bike packing trip and two AT section hikes. In doing so, the Delaware Valley backpacking group visited multiple states: New York, one trip; Virginia, one; West Virginia, two; Maryland, two and 11 in Pennsylvania.

A special shout out to welcome two new backpacking Leaders: Jay Gross and Judy Farrell (it's about time!).

Several fall outings and winter backpacking trips are being planned now. We expect 2022 to be an active year with an increase in the number of trips including a restart of the beginner backpacking workshops, in-person!

— *Steven Campanelli, Backpacking Chair*

Bicycling

So far in 2021 there have been ten bicycle rides plus two are upcoming. We have two new leaders this year, Rich Armington and Jerry Taylor. The most rides have been led by Rich Einstein, for a total of three. Jerry Taylor has led two. Steven Campanelli has led one, with one multi-day trip upcoming.

Terry Berntsen has led one ride, with one upcoming. Raun Kercher, Dave Mong, and Bob Liston have each led one ride. The number of rides has gradually increased as the COVID-19 pandemic and associated restrictions have lessened.

Our bicycling chair, yours truly, is stepping down after five years of service in that role. I will continue to review bicycling listings for up to six months or until a new chair is selected. It has been fun. I look forward to continuing as a bicycling leader.

— Robert Liston, *Bicycling Chair*.

Communication

Weekly Bulletin: I have been handling the weekly bulletin entirely by myself, since there is a bit of editing to do each week with the increased online activities, plus additions that would not be possible with the older copy-and-paste from a generated form method. Also, we are now including more brief news items.

We now have 1,215 subscribers, up from 1,160 last year at this time and 750 when I took over in May 2017.

ActDB and activity management: There have been many problems with the activities database and electronic registration system, too many to enumerate here, including months of outage of the automatic email notification system. This not only resulted in hours of extra work for chapter volunteers which was compounded by poor communication between AMC staff and the chapters.

Things have improve greatly, particularly with the return of paper release forms. This alone has greatly increased leaders' willingness to lead trips, It not only avoids the complexity of the electronic system, it once more makes show-and-go trips possible.

John Rowen has done a top notch job in keeping the trip reporting system, the activities calendar and other electronic functions working during a major web server upgrade and the website migration.

Website: Raun Kercher has taken over as webmaster, and did an excellent job of migrating our site to Wordpress. This was necessary because the old platform we used for more than seven years, Adobe Muse, was coming to end of life and would within a year or so become unavailable.

— Eric Pavlak, *Communication Chair*



Conservation

With the continuation of the pandemic in-person activities were still significantly curtailed in 2021.

Two work days were held at Baker Camp in Harriman State Park, getting ready for the summer season there.

Two Earth Day events were held, one at Six Mile Run State Park; and our annual clean up at Nockamixon State Park (unfortunately cancelled last year) where a good turnout by AMC members prevented the event from being cancelled again this year

Online we publicized several initiatives, including the Green Amendment to the NJ Constitution, the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, and the Alliance for the Upper Delaware River Watershed.

We are hoping for a return to more in-person events next year.

— Adrian Noble, *Conservation Chair*

Diversity, Equality and Inclusion

In 2021 the DEI Committee under took the projects listed here. Unfortunately, with the limited number of activities during most of 2021 due to COVID, and with very limited interest from our Delaware Valley membership in participating in DEI-centered activities, most programs did not come to fruition.

This committee's focus is to ensure that membership and activities of the chapter align with the DEI goals as outlined by AMC headquarters. Our focus is to identify and reduce barriers that limit membership and participation in activities, and to expand the diversity of the Chapter's outreach within the community. The following are some of the activities we investigated or participated in:

- We investigated sponsoring (through our grant program) a local program called Community Bike Works that works with at-risk inner-city children of Allentown and the Lehigh Valley. Unfortunately, since the program did not entirely align with AMC guidelines (since this was a child-based program with strict child protection rules) we decided Bike Works was not eligible for a grant.
- The DEI group hosted Zoom meetings approximately



bi-monthly through early summer. These meetings were opened up to membership and were posted on our Meetup site as well. Unfortunately, there was no interest from our membership in participating,

- The DEI section of the AMC-DV website was updated. We added a number of DEI focused resources – including readings, videos, etc. We also added updated guidelines for leaders and introduced an urban hikes section. The urban hikes library can be used by any leader to lead hikes in urban areas. The hike outlines include information on accessibility (one hike posted is wheelchair and stroller accessible), and has information on transit options (including bus stop locations, etc.).
- We reached out to a number of other organizations to expand our membership – including other diverse hiking groups and various universities and colleges. Post-Covid we might want to try this again.
- Together with the backpacking chair, we looked at an official gear loaning program. However, due to significant logistics issues, we determined it would be better to continue with the current informal system and to set aside funds for renting equipment as necessary. REI is the best resource for renting.
- The DEI committee has participated in web-based discussion groups with like-minded organizations (other AMC chapters, NextGen Advisory Council, etc.) with a focus on tackling issues related to diversity and inclusion in outdoors-oriented groups. We are looking for opportunities to use some of the ideas picked up from these larger groups to improve our Delaware Valley outreach.
- The DV DEI group was active in the cross chapter monthly DEI meetings where we participated in discussions about actions and policies that need updating for AMC in general.
- We are planning to host an urban hike in downtown Philly in November. The prospective date is on hold until the possible Septa strike is settled.
- I appreciate the opportunity to work with the executive team over the past couple of years; and I look forward to continuing to work with the new incoming DEI chair.

— Janet Penner, DEI Chair

Family Activities

There were 18 family events and activities in this past season.

- Nature and Historic House Walk, Princeton, NJ, 9/27, four adults, two children
- Witherspoon Woods and Community Park North, Princeton, NJ, 10/04 9 adults, six children Audubon Preserve, Plainsboro, NJ, 10/12 three adults, two children
- Herrontown Woods, Princeton, NJ, 11/06, four adults, four children
- Washington Crossing SP, Washington Crossing, NJ, 11/08, four adults, two children
- Princeton Institute for Advanced Study Woods, Princeton, NJ, 11/27 four adults, two children Griggstown Grassland Preserve Loop, Griggstown, NJ, 11/28, six adults, two children
- Woodfield Preserve, Princeton, NJ, 12/12 six adults, four children
- Washington Crossing SP, NJ, Ramble 12/30, change from Fidler's Creek due to hunting closure, six adults, seven children.



- Griggstown Grassland Preserve/Graeber Woods, Griggstown, NJ, 3/27 six adults, no children Baldpate Mountain, Titusville, NJ, 4/11 four adults, three children
- Community Park West Windsor, venue change from Mercer County Park due to a triathlon-related road closure of all routes into Mercer County Park, 7/18 11 adults, 11 children
- Night Hike Mohican ridge lookout, Mohican Outdoor Center, Blairstown, NJ, 6/18 nine adults, seven children, this and following event part of a Mohican Family Adventure Weekend Getaway, AT+Rattlesnake Swamp loop, Mohican Outdoor Center, Blairstown, NJ, 6/19 nine adults, seven children
- Family Camping Weekend at Mohican 7/30 to 8/1. 11 adults, 11 children, six families, included: Night hike to the ridge on Friday night, two miles; AT+Rattlesnake Swamp loop, six miles, three families; Coppermine trail to the waterfalls and back, three miles, three families. We note that four of the families were first-time campers, who hope to reprise next year!
- Leader Picnic Family Hike and Games, Green Lane Park, PA, 8/8 hike: two adults, two children

Family Activities Interchapter Note

An interchapter Zoom Family Activities meeting on 9/23 was attended by Family Chairs from Massachusetts, Worcester, Boston, Connecticut, Narragansett, and Delaware Valley discussed T2 training for Family Chairs to facilitate leaders of family events, creating resources and incentives for family events leaders, tools for leaders, swag for event participants, themes ideabook for family event planning, creating theme hike series. Also plan for periodic Zoom interchapter Family Chair meetings to exchange ideas

So, 2021 was a year with considerable Family activities, and we look forward to an even busier 2022.

— Annette Sheldon, Family Activities Chair

Hiking

There were 308 hikes scheduled this past year from November 2020 to date. This is roughly half the typical pre-COVID number for the same period, There was an uptick in frequency in response to relaxed COVID guidelines.

There were fewer multi-day hiking events using lodging or

basecamp, likely due to COVID precautions. I assumed hiking the chair in early 2021. Prior to that John Rogers temporarily backfilled a hiking chair vacancy created by the departure of Julie Watson in January

— *Blase Hartmaan, Hiking Chair*



Leadership

In 2021, we welcomed several new leaders as well as existing leaders that became qualified to lead new activities. Our congratulations go out to our new leaders, Lisa Kleiman (hiking), Jerry Taylor (hiking, paddling, biking), Blase Hartman (hiking, BP), Janet Penner (hiking), Jay Gross (backpacking), Karen Rossino (hiking), Kayleen Soffer (hiking). Several of our new leaders have also joined the ranks of DV’s Executive Committee.

Throughout the year, the Chapter hosted events to bring our leadership together and reward them for their efforts during the Pandemic. We have seen a notable increase in both the number of events offered as well as more leaders engaging as we emerge from the pandemic.

We at the DV Chapter are excited about the leadership platform envisaged for 2022. The challenges we endured over the last 18 months created opportunities to self-reflect on areas we could improve upon. In early 2022, DV will offer a new session of leader training. This will be a hybrid model consisting of a few evening virtual workshops to cover the basics and increased time for quality in-person experiential training. Experiential training in the outdoors is the best way to learn outdoor leadership. We are AMC-DV strong!

— *Jeff Fritzing, Leadership Chair*

Lehigh Valley Group

The Lehigh Valley Group, now in its twenty-ninth year of existence, had another less-than-typical year this year thanks to COVID. Meetings usually take place in person on the third Wednesday of every month (except December, July August). This year, all meetings have been held on Zoom, due to COVID restrictions. While this has, sadly, resulted in a loss of the in-person contact and sense of community that has been an important

part of the LVG for many years, it has allowed us to schedule programs presented by people from farther away (like New Hampshire and Massachusetts). It has also allowed us to have people from other areas join us via Zoom, which has resulted in an interesting audience from as far away as Florida, South Carolina, Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

Programs this year have included presentations on a wide range of topics including: “Improving Your Travel Photos” by Larry Bieber, world traveler and photographer; “What’s New in Eastern Pennsylvania State Parks?” by Ian Kindle, Environmental Education Coordinator for Eastern Pennsylvania State Parks; “Conservation on an Astronomical Scale” by Doug Arion, Executive Director of Mountains of Stars; “Delaware Canal Photos—Old and New” by Susan Taylor, Executive Director of the Friends of the Delaware Canal; “AMC’s Protect the View Campaign” by AMC Staff members Mark Zakutansky and Cathy Poppenwimer; “Nepal Village Life”, by LVG Chair Phill Hunsberger; “Iceland Road Trip” by father-daughter team Phill and Robbin Hunsberger; “August Camp 2021—Maine” by campers Sammie Gibb Roff, Agnes Sablow, Holly Adams leaders Mark Kern, Phill Hunsberger and Lennie Steinmetz.

Plus “Backpacking the John Muir Trail” by AMC member Margot Lacey. Past Chapter Chair Susan Weida provided information on upcoming AMC plans and events, Conservation Chair Adrian Noble provided information on local and national conservation efforts, Trails Chair Greg Bernet and AT Coordinator Dan Schwartz provided info on upcoming trail work events AMC staff members Mark Zakutansky, Kimberly Witt, Mark Briendine Danielle Guttman provided updates on AMC local and national projects and plans.

While our in-person meeting attendance usually ranges from 30 to 40 people, our ZOOM meetings included as many as 75 participants. We look forward to continuing our monthly LVG meetings in 2022 are hopeful that we will soon be able to return to in-person gatherings.

— *Phill Hunsberger, Lehigh Valley Group Chair*

— *Lennie Steinmetz, Lehigh Valley Group Co-Chair*

Membership

The pandemic has caused events and activities including new member get-togethers, welcome hikes, volunteer opportunities, and community events to be placed on hold in 2021.

Fortunately, we were able to hold a leader picnic at Green Lane in late summer. The picnic provided an opportunity for leaders across all activities with the chance to reconnect, in person, for the first time in months. At the leader picnic the Executive Committee was delighted to provide leader gifts of fleece jackets, complete with the chapter name and AMC logo, to all current AMC leaders! Leaders unable to attend the leader picnic, who have not yet received their leader gift, are encouraged to get in touch via email at membership@amcdv.org. While we are not mailing fleeces, we’d love to determine the best way to “pass along” your fleece to you.

More recently, the annual gear swap and member social took place in late September. For the first time we met at the Central Bucks Senior Center in Doylestown, PA. The outdoor pavilion and spacious indoors center received rave reviews from participants. We anticipate next year we will need to make more tables

available for our gear swappers. Even in this challenging year, we had so much interest participants had to display swap and sale items on shared tables and benches.

— Amy Williams, Membership Chair



Padding

I held an online paddling information session with 25 attendees and provided them with a paddling resource package.

At the beginning of the season, AMC rules effectively barred automobile shuttles. Our first trip of the year used a bicycle shuttle. Then the club finally adopted the recommendation I made to the IPC and the OLDC the previous year: four people per car wearing masks, windows open.

We ran 20 trips, including nine on the Delaware River, two on Crosswicks Creek, one on the Millstone River, one on the Raritan River, plus Pinelands paddling on the Oswego River and Cedar Creek. In addition, we had lake trips on Lake Nockamixon and Merrill Creek Reservoir, and a bay paddle at Island Beach State Park.

With our club's ban on screening for vaccination status, and the necessity of close, face-to-face participant contact, we decided not to offer our usual swiftwater safety course.

I participated in three meetings of the IPC (Interchapter Paddling Committee) and in the IPC's paddling training development program. IPC meeting topics have covered skills training, diversity and inclusion in paddling, and the management of AMC's Waters and Rivers Conservation Fund.

— Eric Pavlak, Paddling Chair

Leroy Smith Shelter

The Shelter Watch care-taking program is on-going since the Shelter's dedication in 1973.

Shelter watchers check the conditions and remove debris at the shelter, composting privy and adjacent tent camping site, and three lower Springs. They an entry in the shelter's log book and report the findings to the shelter chair.

In the 2021-22 season there were 23 weekly watches from April through October; and 13 bi-weekly watches, November through April. There were 14 single watchers and 11 double or triple watchers during the year.

This season the Katellen trail, a 3/4 mile route from the

parking lot to the shelter, received a major overhaul with Dan Schwartz leading groups of five or six and Charlie Ogleand moving rocks and trees on his routine watches.

Thirteen of the shelter watchers have more than five years of shelter watching experience, with several ranking 10 years. If you know persons who might become watchers, I welcome your references and will contact them.

— Patricia Sacks, Shelter Chair

Social

For the first seven months of 2021 AMC DV in person social activities were not permitted due to the pandemic.

On August 8, we were able to celebrate our leaders and encourage them to post events with an outdoor picnic in Green Lane Park. The turnout was amazing and everyone made the event a success.

In September we held the member dinner which was planned in a short amount of time since COVID variants were spreading and no one knew what restrictions would be enforced. The dinner was basic.

I'm stepping down as Social Chair and will be available to help the new chair if needed.

— Karen Rossino, Social Chair

Trails

The 2021 season saw more of a return to regular pre-COVID rates of trail work, but still has not been at the pre-COVID level of 2019. The biggest difference was that regular Appalachian Trail maintenance was started again after a year of no official regular maintenance. In 2020, AT maintenance was done on an unofficial, ad hoc basis by a few individuals. This year, our AT crew leader, Dan Schwartz, scheduled five official AMC- DV work trips. Dan and others, including myself, Noelle Schwartz, Dan Loughner, Mike and Kieu Manes also did some ad hoc work trips.

The AT corridor monitor program had a loss of five volunteers this year, but I was able to replace all of them with new volunteers. I held two training sessions where I was able to train all but one of the new volunteers. Ryan Seltzer from the ATC joined me on one of the sessions.

The New Jersey Highlands trail crew did some maintenance at Jenny Jump State Forest and on The Highlands Trail at Musconetcong Preserve. Dan Loughner and I did some chainsawing of blowdowns in both locations as well.

The Pennsylvania Highlands Trail Stewards' work continued on a more regular basis. We completed the new trail from the D & L Canal trailhead up to Ringing Rocks Country Park and installed new steps for the trail as it leaves PA Rt. 32 as well as new water bars on the ascent.

Adrian Noble and I scouted a possible new trail route with Jim Engel of the Tincum Conservancy on land owned by Bridgeton Township along Rt. 32. We flagged a potential trail through their property to connect with the above trail in Ringing Rocks which will also pass through a private property for which we have received permission for an easement. After the initial scouting and preliminary flagging, no work has been done on this, and I have not had any further communication from Jim Engel, who was supposed to have had further contact with the land owner



regarding the placement of the trail on her property.

The Pennsylvania Highlands Trail Stewards started work on building a new trail on the north side of Lake Nockamixon between the fishing pond in the Marina area and the Haycock boat launch area at Nockamixon State Park. We have flagged the potential route with the exception of one section. Through a referral and a donation by one of the members on the Pennsylvania Highlands Trail Network Steering Committee, a tree service company was paid to bring in heavy equipment to clear certain areas of the proposed route which were too difficult to do by hand. This was done in April. Unfortunately, due to the presence of small creeks and rocks, the equipment was unable to complete the entire bad section, so we will have to do that section with hand tools. The Stewards started work on the trail in June and again in September, but the weather has proven to be too hot for the work, so it has been suspended. I expect to start again in October and November.

As mentioned above, AMC-DV trail work is still not back to pre-COVID levels due to the fact that Valley Forge NHP has not allowed volunteers to work on trails since March of 2020! The VF crew leader, Jose Ibarra, has tried to get them to change their policy to no avail so far. He recently mentioned that he thought there might be some movement on this subject, but I have not heard from the VF Volunteer Coordinator as of this date.

— *Greg Bernet Trails Chair*

20s & 30s

Due to the pandemic, 2021 has presented another year of challenges for leaders in the 20s & 30s group. The year started off with a successful series of online yoga sessions for 20s & 30s members, with participants from across all chapters of AMC.

Due to global circumstances and club policies, virtual events served as the most viable channel for engagement with 20s & 30s members. The Delaware Valley chapter had a tough time finding hosts for varied and dynamic virtual events. Many members connected with events led by other chapters. As restrictions lifted, outdoor activities for 20s & 30s folks began to appear on the calendar, namely outdoor yoga and walks along the D&R canal.

As leadership for 20s & 30s changes hands at the close of 2021, the hope is to fill the calendar with a range of events from a diverse group of leaders

— *Kristen Fakzone, 20s & 30s Chair*

Treasurer

Overall Financial Assessment

The activities of the Delaware Valley Chapter resulted in a surplus for the 12 months ending on September 30, 2021.

The COVID-19 pandemic continued to affect the activities of the Chapter during the period reported. The results for 2020 include some of the revenues and expenses from pre-pandemic 2019, thereby skewing the comparisons.

Financial Details

The Chapter's books are maintained on a cash basis in a computerized accounting system.

The Delaware Valley Chapter operates as a branch of the Appalachian Mountain Club, a non-profit corporation with headquarters in Boston, Massachusetts. Chapter financial activities comply with rules established by the AMC, including the AMC fiscal year from January 1 through December 31. The Chapter provides an annual financial report, within one month after completing the fiscal year, for the AMC audit and inclusion in the annual club wide financial report.

Chapter income comes primarily as an allocation of a portion of the AMC dues paid by members who reside in the Delaware Valley area. In the 12 months covered by this report, the dues allocation provided 71.2% and 34.6% in 2021 and 2020 respectively of the annual income.

Because this report occurs before the end of the official fiscal year, it follows the format from recent prior years and covers a 12-month accounting period from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

— *Margaret McDonald, Treasurer*

Financial report follows

Delaware Valley Chapter Appalachian Mountain Club		
Comparative Statement of Operational Income and Expenses		
For 12 Months Ended September 30		
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Allocation from AMC Dues	15,331.75	\$ 16,294.50
New Membership Sales	920.00	650.00
Reimbursement from ATC	0.00	8,275.12
Contributions	22.80	473.00
Other Income	0.00	2,995.22
Interest from Bank Accounts	7.42	6.40
Activities-Trips	<u>5,240.00</u>	<u>18,338.30</u>
Total Income	<u>21,521.97</u>	<u>47,032.54</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		
Communication	1,538.21	1,574.91
Attendance at Club Wide Meetings	0.00	1,394.05
Trails and Shelter Maintenance	1,100.84	8,730.69
Recognition	8,800.62	2,005.27
Chapter Social Events	1,087.00	2,334.95
Committee Expenses	0.00	718.14
Activities-Trips	4,305.29	19,637.26
Leadership and Outdoor Skills	600.00	913.45
Other Expenses	1,178.25	1,643.88
Donations	<u>350.00</u>	<u>890.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>18,960.21</u>	<u>39,842.60</u>
Income over Expense	<u>\$ 2,561.76</u>	<u>\$ 7,189.94</u>

Delaware Valley Chapter Appalachian Mountain Club
 Comparative Statement of Cash
 At September 30

	<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>	Increase (Decrease)
Checking Account	\$ 1,416.15	\$	2,040.87	\$ (624.72)
Money Market Account (Savings)	44,468.45		33,146.35	\$ 11,322.10
PayPal	0.00		310.62	\$ (310.62)
Operating Cash	<u>\$ 45,884.60</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>35,497.84</u>	<u>\$ 10,386.76</u>
AMC Investment Account	<u>\$ 71,067.00</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>80,181.00</u>	<u>\$ (9,114.00)</u>

* The AMC Investment Account is managed by AMC and is available to Chapters to provide long term growth opportunities for funds not needed for current operation. Deposits and withdrawals of these funds are restricted for specific periods of each calendar quarter.

Checking and money market funds are FDIC insured bank accounts.

Cash Assets are divided between two categories as follows:

	<u>2021</u>
Operating funds	\$ 45,884.60
Reserves in Boston (held in cash)	32,755.00
Excess Reserves (invested)	38,312.00
	<u>\$ 116,951.60</u>

Operating Funds are the funds and reserves for day-to-day operation of the Chapter.

Reserves held by Boston are set aside for Chapter needs.

Excess Reserves are invested for long-term growth.

Questions or comments on this report are welcome and can be addressed to the Treasurer at the Annual Dinner or by email to treasurer@amcdv.org

Submitted by: Margaret McDonald, Treasurer, AMCDV.

Recognition of Past Service and Awards

Appie of the Year is awarded to a newer chapter member who has provided extraordinary service to the chapter. Past winners:

2020 Lary Priori	2006 Craig Smith
2019 Kathy Kindness	2005 Jim Catozzi
2018 Jay Gross	2004 Jennifer Decker
2017 John Rogers	2003 Kevin Perry
2016 Greg Bernet	2002 Chris Cayer
2015 Denis McCartan	2001 Andrea Deaton
2014 Sue Bickford-Martin	2000 Paul Davis
2013 Terry Berntsen	1999 Bill McCaughey
2012 Rich Pace	1998 Kevin Burkman
2011 Midori Wakabayashi	1997 Kevin Kramer
2010 Rhoda Eisman	1996 Rajat Tandon
2009 Anne Murphy	1995 Rich Kajander
2008 Joan Aichele	1994 Marty Seibert
2007 Rich Wells	1993 Kathy Kelly-Borowski

Golden Appie of the Year is awarded to a chapter member who has provided extraordinary service to the chapter over many years. Past winners:

2020 Joe Nanfara	2008 Joseph Bell
2019 Mike Manes	2007 Eric Pavlak
2018 Phill Hunsberger	2006 Lennie Steinmetz
2017 Jim Catozzi	2005 Walt Underhill
2016 Pat and Ken Sacks	2004 Dan Schwartz, Lois Nichols
2015 Rich Wells	2003 Gary Leander
2014 Esther Underhill	(None for 2002)
2013 Nancy & Cliff Henc	2001 Bill Steinmetz
2012 John Rowen	2000 Helmut Gude
2011 Mark Kern	1999 Malcolm White
2010 Allen Male	1998 Jane Shepard
2009 Peter Jarrett	

Chapter Committee Recognitions. The Appalachian Mountain Club and the Delaware Valley Chapter gratefully acknowledge the volunteer hours and many contributions of all outgoing and continuing Chapter Executive Committee members as well as the Nominating Committee members.

Past Chapter Chairs

Bill De Stefano 2021	Tom Stress, 1993
Susan Weida 2019-20	Alan Kahn, 1990-91
Lois Rothenberger 2017-18	Kent Johnson, 1987-89
Joan Aichele 2014-16	George Heckler, 1985-86
Allen Male, 2012-13	Kay Cox, 1982-84
Craig Smith, 2010-11	Jane Shepard, 1980-81
Jim Catozzi, 2009	Malcolm White, 1978-79
Paul Davis, 2007-08	Win Howe, 1976-77
Andrea Deaton, 2005-06	Fred Cox, 1973-75
Chris Rapacki, 2003-04	Gardner Dean, 1971-72
Peter Jason, 2001-02	Ruby Horwood, 1969-70
Priscilla Estes, 2000	Martin Davenport, 1967-68
Lennie Steinmetz, 1997-99	Ted Talbot, 1965-66
Bill Steinmetz 1994-96	Dr. Robert Tyson 1962-64

Outgoing Executive Committee Members: Bill De Stefano, chair; Cindy Crosser, backpacking; Bob Liston, bicycling; Janet Penner, diversity; Karen Rossino, social; Kristen Falzon and Katie Martins, 20s & 30s.

Many thanks to the members of the 2022 Nominating Committee, Adrian Noble, chair; plus Susan Weida, Raun Kercher and Geri Chmiel. The Nominating Committee members are active chapter members, of which no more than one may be a voting member of the current Executive Committee.

Member Anniversary Recognitions

The Delaware Valley Chapter is proud to recognize the following for their many years of membership with AMC. We thank each of them for their commitment and continued support of AMC. If you have reached either the 25 or 50 year milestone and are not on this list, please contact the membership chair so you can be included at next year's annual dinner.

Fifty years: These members joined AMC in 1970 and has faithfully continued membership for the past 50 years:

Joseph Bell
Janice Clarke
John Funk
Robert Glynn
William Gross
Mary Kelly
Mary McDonnell
Ella Warren Miller

Twenty-five years: These members joined AMC in 1994 and have continued their membership for the past 25 years:

Elayne Aion	Shirley Martin
David Block	David McGrath
James Bloom	Susan McPhedran
Marilyn Brown	Charles McPhedran
Mike Calabrese	Michael Pione
Steven Fischer	Albert Porter
Lynn Fraser	Lynn Porter
Halina Gawronski	Robert Rosenberger
Jan King	Lois Rothenberger
Kaye Lermite	Jon Rutter
Peter Jay Lermite	William Slobodin
Joan Liehe	David Stump
Marian Lummis	