

Minutes of SW General Membership Meeting 7:00 PM April 9, 2015

Trail Boss Curt Kommer called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. The minutes of the 3/5/15 general membership meeting, being posted to the SW Web, were approved by the membership.

Curt reminded the membership of the Spring Cookout to be held at the Elks Lodge May 14. It will be the last meeting of the 2014-2015 hiking season, is free to members and \$10 for guests of members. Also, there is no carry-in alcohol allowed at the Elks. Al Abbott circulated a sign-up sheet for helping at the cookout.

Officer Reports:

Foreman (Sue Taylor):

Foreman's Report 4/9/2015 (see detailed report at end of **minutes**)

Starting Cash Balance	\$ 3056
Income	\$ 360
Expenses	\$ 309
Ending Cash Balance	\$ 3107

Hike Boss Reports: (see details at end of minutes)

Tracker Boss (Liz Sweeney):

Ambler Boss (Chris Greene):

Dogie Boss (Mark Ducharme):

Mustang Boss (Bob Taylor):

Drover Boss (Curt Kommer for Cathy Lutz):

Roughrider Boss (Cherie Ferguson):

Sunbeam (Linda Schermer):

Linda announced that she had sent three get-well/sympathy cards, and that Roberta Avery and Bill Sweeney were doing well.

Roundup Boss (Brad Bell):

Brad thanked all of the authors that have provided articles for the Red Rock News. Five articles have been published since the last meeting.

Forest Service Liaison (Paul Sullivan):

Paul reported on fire alerts and prescribed burn activity. Paul also noted that Club organized member hikes should not use unofficial/private trail heads in private neighborhoods for parking vehicles and beginning hikes. He also noted that the Adopt-A-Trail program was in limbo, but that members should be alert to forest conditions and report appropriately.

The Marriott Corp has donated \$15,000 to the Sedona Red Rock Trail Fund.

Chuckwagon Boss (Al Abbott):

Al noted that there was a help sign-up list circulating. He also thanked all those members that provided refreshments and goodies for the evenings meeting.

Point Rider (Jim O'Brien):

Curt thanked Jim for the 15 years of hard work in supporting the Westerners WEB technology needs. He also acknowledged all of the current work Jim and Clint Gelotte have done on the new WEB site.

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Old Business: Officer elections for 2015-2016 season:

Nominating Committee Chair (Marion Hadji-Agha):

Marion thanked the nominating committee for their work and reviewed the committees slate of officers. She then asked for any further nominations from the floor. Having none, she called for a membership voice vote. The membership present voted unanimously in support of the slate. Marion then noted that the new officers would be installed at the May 14 meeting. Curt thanked her for all of the hard work in organizing and chairing the committee.

List Of Officers:

Trail Boss – Mary McCaffrey
Immediate Past Trail Boss – Curt Kommer
Wrangler – Debbie Losse
Wagon Boss – Jim Warren
Forman – Sue Taylor
Top Hand – Clint Gelotte - (3 years term)
Top Hand Len Ostrom - (2 years term)
Top Hand Al Vander Peut - (1year term)
Ambler Boss – Chris Greene
Cactus Dodger – Tom Blecha
Dogie Boss – Tom Yager
Mustang Boss – Jeff Brumbaugh
Drover Boss – Cathy Lutz
Tracker Boss – Helen Ducharme
Prospector – Kevin O’Connor
Chuckwagon Boss – Al Abbott

New Business:

Trail Boss Curt Kommer introduced the issue of Club dues, and noted that the dues have been held at \$20 for the past 14 years. He further reviewed the current costs of running the Club, and noted that those costs have been rising steadily over several years.

He reviewed for the membership that the ExCom has the sole responsibility for setting dues and that they met recently to discuss this issue. The ExCom has approved raising the dues to \$30 for the 2015-2016 season.

The question of allowing guest hikers was discussed at the ExCom and the discussion was tabled. (Note: this is a matter of the by-laws and not a policy set by the ExCom. -Wrangler)

Break:

Wagon Boss Mary McCaffrey introduced the evenings speaker as Architect and Associate Curator at Deaver Herbarium - Max Licher. He has been a Sedona resident for 30 years and was the recipient of the 5th Norman Herkenham Award for Native Plant Landscaping from Keep Sedona Beautiful. His talk on the native flora of Northern Arizona was informative and well received.

Curt adjourned the meeting at approximately 9 PM

Wrangler – Kevin O’Connor V2- 4/30/15

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Detailed Hike Boss Reports for period following Mar 5 Mtg:

HikeGroup:	HikeName:	HikeDate:	HLName:	HCLName:
amblers	Rabbit Ears Vista	03/12/15	Reba Stone	Bernie Platte
amblers	Jacks to Woods Canyon	03/19/15	Barbara Grille	Reba Stone
amblers	Devils Bridge	04/02/15	Reba Stone	none
amblers	Soldiers Pass/Arches	04/09/15	Julie Zabilski	none
dogies	Pyramids and Polygons	03/10/15	Tom Yager	Mark Ducharme
dogies	Parson Spring	03/24/15	Liz Sweeney	Alan Gore
dogies	Deadman Heights	03/31/15	Don Kling	Mark Ducharme
dogies	Soldier Heights Loop	04/07/15	Charlie Schudson	Karen Schudson
drovers	Carroll Canyon	03/08/15	Michael McCaffrey	Mary McCaffrey
drovers	Twin Buttes Saddle	03/15/15	Brad Bell	Paula Potter
drovers	Devil's Bridge Loop	03/22/15	Karen Larson	Angela LeFevre
drovers	Hiline Templeton	03/29/15	Bob Dannert	Cathy Lutz
drovers	Big Park Overlook	04/05/15	Mark Ducharme	Julie Zabilski
mustangs	Ice Cream & More	03/12/15	Debby Losse	Don Kling
mustangs	Hangover	03/19/15	Paul Cooley	Bob Bareuther
mustangs	Devil's Door	03/26/15	Bob Taylor	Bob Bareuther
mustangs	Walker Basin	04/02/15	Jim Warren	Bob Dannert
mustangs	Mayan Maiden Honeymoon	04/09/15	George Witteman	Tom Pallas Cherie Ferguson & Al Vander Peut
roughriders	Balanced Rock	03/07/15	Ken Ferguson	Peut
roughriders	Cathedral & Then Some	03/21/15	Cathy Lutz	Pam Greene
roughriders	Longing For Earl	03/28/15	Clint Gelotte	Louise Gelotte
roughriders	Mescal & More	04/04/15	Mary McCaffrey	Paula Potter
trackers	Ledge House	03/11/15	Jerry Walters	Paul Cooley
trackers	Uptown History Walk	03/18/15	Janeen Trevillyan	none
trackers	Surprise Canyon	04/01/15	Scott Newth	none
trackers		04/01/15	George Witteman	

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	Foreman's Report	4/09/2015		
		Past Totals	This Period to	4/9/2015
<i>Starting cash balance</i>		\$4,260.65		\$3,056.95
<i>Income 2014-2015 Season</i>				
Dues received		\$7,270.00	\$360.00	
Misc Income (picnic, books, badges)		\$69.00		
Total Income this period			\$360.00	
Total Income this season		\$7,699.00		\$3,416.95
<i>Expenses 2014-2015 Season</i>				
Insurance		\$1,999.00		
Fall Picnic/Cookout expenses		\$1,282.15		
Holiday Party		\$408.86		
Spring Picnic/Cookout		\$1,048.07		
Meeting room rental		\$1,902.50		
Sunbeam		\$116.92		
Chuck Wagon (mtg expense)		\$113.59	\$7.13	
Honorarium expense		\$900.00	\$200.00	
Lookout expense				
Nametags/Engraver		\$410.08	\$102.52	
Executive mtg expenses				
Old Timer expenses		\$168.18		
Miscellaneous expenses		\$193.35		
Total Expenses this period			\$309.65	
Total Expenses this season		\$8,852.35		
<i>Ending Cash Balance</i>				\$3,107.30