

Sedona Westerners

Executive Committee

Minutes

August 31, 2015

1:00 PM

Present: Al Abbott, Cathy Lutz, Clint Gelotte, Jim Warren, Kevin O'Connor, Len Ostrom, Jeff Brumbaugh, Tom Yager, Mary McCaffrey, Deborah Losse

The meeting was called to order by Trail Boss Mary McCaffrey at 1:05 PM.

1. Hike Boss Guidelines/Hike Leader Guidelines:

Mary distributed guidelines developed by a sub-committee of Len Ostrom, Cathy Lutz, and Debby Losse. The guidelines were approved by executive committee.

2. Reminder: Hike boss/assistant boss meetings will take place before every general meeting (Mary)

There will be a total of six hike boss meetings before the general meetings. The first will take place at the Church of the Red Rocks at 6:00 before the September meeting.

3. Hike Boss Paperwork (Mary): Hike Bosses were asked to meet with Mary at the end of the meeting about processing paperwork.

4. Hike Boss Training (Clint)

The new website has the ability to add more accurate descriptions of the hikes, to update the data base and to upload tracks. Please send new GPS tracks to Clint. Clint will be available for questions. If he is out of town, Cathy Lutz, who has had considerable experience with the site, volunteered to answer questions. Clint invited committee members with any concerns to contact him.

5. Review of Wording in the Waiver (Mary)

Mary discussed paragraph four of the waiver form that hikers sign. She and three previous Trail Bosses have had some concerns about the length and complexity of this paragraph. Jim Warren and Kevin O'Connor noted that the paragraph had been discussed in previous meetings of the Executive Committee. Mary asked that

Executive Committee members go through the minutes to find the discussion of the waiver. A good place to start is the first meeting of the Executive Committee in 2013.

Mary will meet with four club attorneys for their review and recommendations which will then be presented to the Executive Committee for a decision on the efficacy of the waiver.

6. Cookout and Sign Ups (Kevin)

Kevin suggested that a sub-committee take care of sign-ups and sign-ins for the cookout and holiday party. In the past, this job has fallen to the Prospector. Clint will post a form on the website so that members will be able to sign up online. Each form will be forwarded to the individual designated for this sub-committee by Mary McCaffrey.

7. Cookout Food Plan (Mary)

To avoid shortages in the salads provided for the Fall and Spring Cookout, Mary proposed that volunteers make broccoli salad, potato salad, and fruit salad. Each volunteer will make two gallons and will bring it to the picnic in plastic bags provided by the Trail Boss. She will also buy large aluminum containers in which to serve the salads. Mary is seeking additional volunteers beyond the two already on the list.

8. Holiday Party (Mary)

The Holiday Party will be held at the Elks and it will be a sit-down dinner. Eight high school students with food handlers' licenses have been hired to serve.

9. Potential Name Change for: Old Timer and Sunbeam (Mary)

Mary suggested a name change for these two officers' positions. There was no objection to Sunbeam. The members of the Executive Committee agreed to the title Historian to replace the designation Old Timer.

10. Bylaw changes.

The bylaw changes will first be presented to the general membership at the September general meeting. Members will be informed by the Trail Boss that a general membership meeting will be held at the October cookout, at which a vote will be taken. The bylaw changes will include: Articles 10 and 11 for the addition of the Rustlers and the Rustler Boss; Articles 8 and 11 to change the wording "Holiday Season Potluck Party" to "Holiday Party"; Article 15 to change "Old Timer" (historian) to "Historian."

11. Hike Bosses and Leaders: Please verify that all hikers are paid for the season.

A discussion ensued about the importance of filling out the waiver and paying the membership fee. It is part of the responsibility of Hike Bosses and Hike Leaders to see that all hikers at the meet-up points have paid the fee and signed the waiver.

In addition, not all Hike Bosses and Assistants have renewed their membership.

12. Change in Meeting Place for the General Meetings

General meetings will be at St. John Vianney except for the September meeting, which will be held at Church of the Red Rocks. The Church of the Red Rocks is no longer allowing non-religious groups to meet in the Sanctuary.

14. Cookies from Executive Committee for First Board Meeting.

Al Abbott needs volunteers to bring cookies for the first meeting. He is also seeking volunteer cooks for the cookout.

15. Revised Description of the Rustlers, the New Proposed Group.

These hikes, every Saturday morning, are usually 3-6 miles long and are generally rated easy to moderate though could include steep climbs, rock scrambling and ledges. The goal of the Rustlers is to provide a half-day experience and will include one break. Completion of a Rustler hike will generally be in the range of three to four hours.

Trail Boss Mary McCaffrey adjourned the meeting at 2:58.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Losse
Wrangler