

## **Sedona Westerners General Membership Meeting January 14, 2016**

Trail Boss Mary McCaffrey called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. After welcoming many new members and guests and asking them to introduce themselves, Mary called on Al Vander Peut and Phyllis Elliott, the sub-committee in charge of considering options on Sedona Westerners hats, to come forward.

**Report of the Hat Committee (Al Vander Peut and Phyllis Elliott):** Al and Phyllis presented the models of baseball caps (one size fits all) and Sunday Afternoon sunhats (available in medium and large) that are available to order. The caps and hats are of excellent quality. Caps cost \$26.00 and sunhats \$36.00. Order forms will be available at the Posse Grounds and VOC in the next couple of weeks. Members who order hats must pay with checks. The checks will ensure that there is a good record of orders.

### **Officer Reports:**

#### **Hike Bosses Reports (Details at end of minutes)**

**Ambler Boss (Chris Greene)** Chris rejoiced that the sun finally came through for the Amblers, who have had to cancel the last three out of four hikes. They took advantage of the sun to enjoy Marg's Draw and the Crimson Cliffs area.

**Dogie Boss (Don Kling for Tom Yager)** Don thanked the hike leaders and co-leaders: Bob Dannert, Ernie Pratt, Dave Vanderwater, Curt Kommer and Barbara O'Connor, Lynn Pratt, Gretchen Yager, Tom Yager, Michael McCrain and Don Kling. Don invited members to come out to the upcoming hikes: Sugarloafs and more, Twin Buttes and Submarine, and Fay Canyon and More.

**Rustler Boss (Velma Keller)** Velma expressed appreciation to the hike leaders and co-leaders: Marion Hadji-Agha, Habib Hadji-Agha, Julie Zabilski, Linda Schermer, Ernie Pratt, Bobbie Avery, John Avery, Liz Sweeney, Phyllis Elliott, and Bob Dannert.

**Tracker Boss (Helen Ducharme)** Helen thanked her presenters, A.J. Cook and Mark Ducharme for the Astronomy presentation and John and Mary Ann Freeman for the birding event. She urged members to sign up for Ken Zoll's Hatalacva and Tuzigoot archaeology presentation, and encouraged an early sign up for the April 6 Rock Art Ranch visit.

**Rough Rider Boss (Tom Blecha)** Tom acknowledged the hike leaders and co-leaders: Clint Gelotte, Tom Blecha, Cherie Ferguson, Walter Krywucki, Linda Archer, Marion Hadji-Agha, Habib Hadji-Agha, Mark Frank, Gus Rousonelos. He

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encouraged members to come out on upcoming hikes: Honanki Overlook, Walker Basin, Sphinx Links, and Rabbit Staircase.

### **Drover Boss ( Cathy Lutz)**

Cathy reported that nine hikes completed since last report at the November meeting: Hangover, Slim Shady, Brins Ridge, Courthouse Washes, Teacup Heights, Long Canyon, Damfino, Cibola Pass/Jordan and Broken Arrow to Chicken Point. Cathy thanked hike leaders and co-leaders: Tom Yager, Bob Dannert, Brad Bell, Paul Sullivan, Louise Gelotte, Bob Kenney, Al Abbott, Julie Zabilski and Al Vander Peut, Jim Kemper, Bert McLean, Michael Henry, Gus Rousonelos, Clint Gelotte, Maryann Kenney, Gretchen Yager and Jim Kemper. She also acknowledged tailgaters Don Kling, Michael McCrain, Cathy Lutz, Dave Carney, Brad Bell, Terri Petrescu, Mary McCaffrey, and Bob Dannert. She announced next week's hike, Dry Creek Heights on January 17.

**Mustang Boss (Jeff Brumbaugh)** No report.

### **Foreman's Report (Sue Taylor) (Detailed report at the end of the minutes)**

Starting Cash Balance	\$6,074.31
Income	3,850.00
Expenses	3,379.66
Ending Cash Balance	6,544.65

### **Sunbeam (Phyllis Elliott)**

Condolence card sent to Margie Gershtenson, wife of Mickey Gershtenson  
Get well card sent to Bob Shuman and wife Jan who had surgery  
Get well card to Maureen Mattieu  
Get well card sent to John Schleich  
Get well card to Joanne Makielski  
Get well card to Mary McCaffrey

Get well card sent to Frank Will  
Condolence card sent to Tracey will wife of Frank Will

**Ranger (Paul Sullivan)** Paul reminded members that Jennifer Burns, Recreation Officer for the Redrock Ranger District, would be retiring. He wondered if we should send something. There is a new volunteer coordinator, Justin Loxley.

Several new trails have been completed. The Forest Service is looking for Westerner feedback on the new trails on its website. There will be a trail

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work day, and Paul has made a sign-up sheet available at the meeting. The next Basic Training for Trail Maintenance will be held on February 27, 9-4. The e-mail contact will go out to all members.

**Prospector (Kevin O'Connor)** Kevin announced that there are now 350 members of which 88 are new.

**Historian (John Losse)** John announced that he had brought past scrapbooks to the meeting and invited members to look at them. He welcomes photos from hikes and Westerner events for the 2015-16 online Scrapbook that he is currently putting together.

**Chuck Wagon Boss (Al Abbott)** Al thanked the following members for providing snacks for the meeting: Marribeth Paunicka, Kris McLean, Marny Tibbits, Alan Gore, Donna Marrero, Perlina McComb, Tom Blecha, and Al Abbott.

Announcements from the Trail Boss (**Mary McCaffrey**)

There will be a return of the policy to state a suggested driver donation before each hike. Those who hike and ride with drivers will be asked to contribute a sum based on the "suggested shared cost" of the ride to the trail head.

Mickey Gershtenson's Memorial Service will be held at the Synagogue on Monday, January 18, at 11AM. Members who knew Mickey are invited to attend.

Curt Kommer, immediate past Trail Boss, encourages all who are interested in holding an office in the Sedona Westerners for the 2016-17 season to speak to him. He will head the nominating committee to put together the slate of officers that will be presented to the membership.

**Break**

**Speaker. Wagon Boss** Jim Warren introduced the speaker, Wendy C. Hodgson, Research Botanist at the Desert Botanical Garden. She presented a very informative talk on "Cultural Plants and Cultural Landscapes: Pre-Columbian Agaves in the Southwestern United States." She and her fellow researcher, Andrew Salywon, have been studying agaves in Arizona for many years. A lively question and answer session followed the talk.

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Trail Boss Mary McCaffrey called for Jim Warren to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Losse  
Wrangler

## Foreman's Report - 01/13/2016

	<b>This Season</b>	<b>This Period*</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Starting cash balance	\$1,399.24	\$6,074.31	\$6,074.31
Income			
Dues: cash/check	\$5,010.00	\$810.00	
Dues: Paypal	\$5,040.00	\$660.00	
Misc. Income	\$2,918.00	\$2,380.00	
Total Income	\$12,968.00	\$3,850.00	\$9,924.31
Expenses			
Insurance	\$2,097.69	\$0.00	
Spring Cookout	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Fall Cookout	\$1,184.64	\$0.00	
Holiday Party	\$3,150.00	\$3,050.00	
PayPal Fees	\$197.76	\$26.04	
Meeting Room Rental	\$250.00	\$0.00	
Sunbeam	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Chuck Wagon (meetings)	\$28.36	\$0.00	
Honorarium	\$400.00	\$0.00	
Nametags	\$341.73	\$239.21	
Historian	\$0.00	\$0.00	
eMail services	\$10.00	\$10.00	
Miscellaneous	\$162.41	\$54.41	
Total Expenses	\$7,822.59	\$3,379.66	\$6,544.65
Ending cash balance			\$6,544.65

\* Reporting period is Nov 13, 2015 to Jan 14,

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<b>Hike Report Summary - starting Nov 14, 2015</b>						
<b>Hike Date</b>	<b>Hike Name</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Number Hikers</b>	<b>Leader</b>	<b>Co-Leader</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Nov 19, 2015	Mayan Maiden	Amblers	19	George Witteman	Tom Pallas	
Dec 03, 2015	EZBreezy	Amblers	22	Julie Zabilski		
Dec 10, 2015	Coffee Pot / Soldiers Pass	Amblers	16	Linda Schermer	Harry Schermer	
Dec 31, 2015	Mescal Circumnavigation	Amblers	7	Linda Schermer		
Jan 14, 2016	Marg's Draw/Crimson Cliffs Loop	Amblers	17	Barbara Grille	Linda Schermer	
Nov 15, 2015	Hangover	Drovers	23	Tom Yager	Jim Kemper	Tailgaters: Don Kling #1 & Michael McCrain #2
Nov 22, 2015	Slim Shady	Drovers	10	Bob Dannert	Bert McLean	
Nov 29, 2015	Brins Ridge	Drovers	15	Brad Bell	Michael Henry	
Dec 13, 2015	Teacup Heights	Drovers	19	Louise Gelotte	Clint Gelotte	Tailgaters: Brad Bell & Cathy Lutz
Dec	Long Canyon	Drovers	7	Bob	Maryann	Tailgater:

20, 2015				Kenney	Kenney	Maryann Kenney
Dec 27, 2015	Damfino Canyon	Drovers	4	Al Abbott	Cathy Lutz	
Jan 03, 2016	Cibola Pass Loop/Jordan Trail	Drovers	16	Julie Zabilski	Gretchen Yager	Tailgaters: Terri Petrescu & Mary McCaffrey
Jan 10, 2016	Broken Arrow / Little Horse	Drovers	9	Al Vander Peut		Tailgater: Cathy Lutz
Nov 17, 2015	Mushroom	Dogies	14	Tom Yager	Bob Dannert	A little chilly at the start, but otherwise an excellent hike. Hiked in 2 groups of 7.
Nov 24, 2015	South Wilson/North Wilson	Dogies	21	Ernie Pratt	Dave Vanderwater	Great hike, groups stayed together well.
Dec 01, 2015	Long Canyon	Dogies	24	Curt Kommer	Barbara O'Connor	Great hike
Dec 08, 2015	Bear Sign / Secret Canyon Loop	Dogies	16	Ernie Pratt	Lynn Pratt	
Dec 15, 2015	Huckaby to Broken Arrow Snow Walk	Dogies	7	Tom Yager	Gretchen Yager	Beautiful hike in the snow.
Dec 29, 2015	Brins Ridge & Cibola Mitten Loop	Dogies	13	Michael McCrain	Don Kling	4 hrs 20 minutes. Good group; all enjoyed the hike.
Jan	Cathedral Rock	Dogies	19	Jim	Charlie	8.3 miles

12, 2016	Circumnavigation via Highline			Kemper	Schudson	
Nov 21, 2015	Sycamore Canyon Lollipop	Rough Riders	16	Clint Gelotte		
Nov 28, 2015	Turkey Feathers	Rough Riders	20	Tom Blecha, Cherie Ferguson		
Dec 05, 2015	Mushroom & More	Rough Riders	14	Walter Krywucki	Linda Archer	
Dec 26, 2015	Kodak Moment	Rough Riders	10	Marion Hadjiagha	Habibollah Hadjiagha	
Jan 02, 2016	Bear Mountain / Fay Canyon Overlook	Rough Riders	25	Mark Frank	Gus Rousonelos	
Jan 09, 2016	Jim Bryant Trail	Rough Riders	24	Tom Blecha, Cherie Ferguson	Linda Archer	
Dec 02, 2015	Astronomy	Trackers	16	A.J. Cook	Mark Ducharme	Astronomy night at AJ's home; slide presentation given by both A.J. and Mark and then viewed stars, nebulas outdoors on deck permanently mounted telescope.
Jan 13, 2016	Birding	Trackers	9	Rich Armstrong		Rich Armstrong led birding at Sedona

						Wetland Preserves off 89A.
Nov 14, 2015	Airport Loop / Brewer Trail	Rustlers	14	Marion Hadji-Agha	Habib Hadji-Agha	
Nov 21, 2015	Long Canyon	Rustlers	13	Julie Zabalski	None	Velma Henry - Tailgater
Nov 28, 2015	Schuerman Mountain/Lime Kiln	Rustlers	13	Linda Schermer	Ernie Pratt	
Dec 05, 2015	Doe Mountain	Rustlers	16	Bobbie Avery	John Avery & Ernie Pratt	Doe Mtn the Western Path - up the back
Dec 19, 2015	Chuckwagon Trail	Rustlers	12	Julie Zabalski	Liz Sweeney	Some Snow and Ice
Jan 02, 2016	Hog Heaven to the Chapel	Rustlers	9	Phyllis Elliott	Bob Dannert	



