

Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday, April 14, 2016

Present: Mary McCaffrey, Kevin O'Connor, Curt Kommer, Clint Gelotte, Sue Taylor, Al Vander Peut, Al Abbott, Velma Keller, Jodie Bell, Tom Yager, Debby Losse

Trail Boss Mary McCaffrey called the meeting to order at 6:15PM.

1. Al Vander Peut called for a correction of the minutes of the March 14 Executive Meeting to reflect procedure. Under the heading Other, *to be discussed by Board before next Westerners meeting followed by approval vote by general membership* should be shortened to *to be discussed by Executive Committee before next Westerners meeting*. The correction was noted and approved.
2. Following up on a proposal made by Trail Boss Mary McCaffrey at the Executive Committee meeting of March 14, 2016 to make a donation of \$250 to the Search and Rescue and \$250 to the Red Rock Trails Fund, Mary opened the discussion to the members of the Executive Committee. Kevin O'Connor voiced an objection to the proposal on the basis that such monetary contributions to outside organizations are in violation of the present Bylaws and Constitution. Al Vander Peut provided some historical background. He stated that in the past, the Sedona Westerners did engage in civic-minded activities with the Forest Service that required club expenditures. Since that time, the Bylaws have been revised to exclude such expenditures. The club has to this point taken the stance that it is not an activist organization. The problem comes in deciding which worthy organizations that do relate to trails and hiking and the quality of life in Sedona merit contributions. Al reminded the other members of the Executive Committee that a proposal had been made by Curt Kommer at the January Executive Committee meeting to form a sub-committee to study "whether the Westerners should be more intentional in contributing through its actions to the services that relate directly to the activities of the Club." Al suggested that a sub-committee be formed as proposed by Curt in the January Executive Meeting. Kevin remarked that getting individual members of the Club to work together to raise funds was a better approach. Curt responded by saying that the good will spread by the metal signs contributed by the Club could still be seen in the comments coming from hikers and in the letters sent to the Trail Boss when the Club first bought the materials for the signs, had them constructed, and placed them. He believes that the Club's engagement in an activity thought to be in the best interest of the community is within the confines of the Club's Bylaws.

An amendment to Mary's proposal was made to adopt the proposal of the January Executive Meeting that a balanced sub-committee consider the question of "whether the Westerners should be more intentional in contributing through it actions to the services that relate directly to the activities of the Club."

The amendment to Mary's proposal was seconded and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Losse