

Board of Directors Meeting Sedona Westerners

Thursday, May 12, 2016 Following Cookout

Present: Jim Warren, Barbara O'Connor, Gretchen Yager, Kevin O'Connor, Len Ostrom, Linda Schermer, Everett Davidson, Tom Yager, Paul Cooley, Mary McCaffrey, Dave Vanderwater, Bert McLean, Brad Bell, Paul Sullivan, Perlina McCombs, Scott McFeely, Debby Losse

Jim Warren, Trail Boss, called the meeting to order at 1:45PM.

1. Jim announced several appointed positions: Janet Wheeler (Historian), Louise Osborn (Roundup Boss), Karen Schudson (Sunbeam). He also reminded us that Gretchen Yager was the new Foreman.
2. Old Business. Jim has postponed the voting on the revisions to the bylaws until the Fall so that members will have a chance to carefully review the changes, many of which are not substantive but are suggested for clarification. The most substantive is the change of name from Executive Committee to Board of Directors to refer to the elected officers. Jim thanked Paul Cooley and Jim Kemper for the work they had done in reviewing the bylaws and proposing revisions.
3. Jim proposed providing a program for members to explain the risks of hiking. This could take the form of a Q and A written document or could be a video. This proposal serves two purposes. It serves an educational purpose for new members to acquaint them with some of the risks of hiking and the extend an understanding of which hikes are appropriate for the individual's level of expertise but also provides one extra step beyond the waiver to let outsiders know that we are doing our best to inform our members of the risks in Sedona hiking and what they can do to be prepared on the trail. Mary mentioned that the proposal was based on the model at Keet Seel. Kevin and Barbara O'Connor raised the issue that not all risks can be easily identified. Paul Cooley mentioned that in Arizona Law the court cannot grant summary judgment. In any case involving assumption of risk, the case must go before a jury. The training document or video is one more level beyond the waiver to ensure that our members understand the risks involved.

Kevin O'Connor inquired about possible liability for those senior members who would be involved in designing the document. Paul Cooley responded that it would be clear that the educational material used would be from authoritative sources. Barbara O'Connor asked how the determination would be made of who would be qualified to do the training document. Scott McFeely suggested involving some of our members involved in Search and Rescue.

Several people suggested adding the website address to direct potential members to the training document.

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Jim will work over the summer with immediate past Trail Boss Mary McCaffrey and Paul Cooley to refine the proposal concerning a training document or video.

4. Jim stated that the Hike Schedule for 2016-17 is proceeding along at a good pace, thanks to the consolidation of schedules and to improvements made by Clint Gelotte in the Hike Schedule Website. He thanked the Hike Bosses for getting an early start on the schedule.

5. Next year's cookouts and Holiday Party will be held at the Elks. Monthly meetings will continue at St. John Vianney.

6. Jim Warren forwarded for consideration Brad Bell's suggestion that after a hike has been on a particular hike group's schedule two years in a row, it should not be used for a year or two in order to reduce wear and tear on the trail and to provide a greater variety of hikes to members. Kevin O'Connor raised the concern on Clint's behalf that keeping track of the usage would fall to keeper of the data base (Point Rider). If however hike bosses reviewed the past two years' schedules, the counter on the website may not be necessary. Jim mentioned that Michael Henry and Velma Keller had stepped up to help out on the data base in the future.

7. Some of the old hikes are not in the data base. Mary McCaffrey suggested that Wednesdays be set aside to invite long-time members of the Club who remember these hikes to scout the hikes with current Hike Bosses in order to put them into the data base and back on the schedule.

8. Jim proposed that the Rustlers be more of a step-up group from the Amblers. The group has evolved this year in this direction. Because Rustler hikes are shorter in length, it is perhaps more suitable to serve in this capacity than the full-day Dogie hikes.

9. It was agreed that should a hike leader not have a GPS, that person should invite someone who does have a GPS in order to fill in the correct data, length, elevation change on the data base. Without this information, the hike may exceed the general parameters for the hike level.

10. Prospector Kevin O'Connor put before the Board the names of three members who had met the requirements for Honorary Membership:

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Andy Beeler: 2008 Dogie Boss; 2010 Mustang Boss; 2011 Ranger; 2012 Ranger, 2013 Ranger

Cathy Lutz: 2012 Historian; 2013 Historian; 2014 Drover Boss; 2014 Drover Boss

Jerry Walters: 2008 Mustang Boss; 2009-2014-15 Cliff Walker

A motion was made by Kevin, seconded, and *the motion carried*. With the addition of these three new honorary members, there are now 22 honorary members.

11. Jim provided his email address: azracefans@yahoo.com. He has some travel plans in May and June but will be ready for meetings in July.
12. For now, we will keep the P.O. Box in VOC, but we will revisit the postal box location in the future. The permanent address required by law is currently Mary McCaffrey's as the current registered agent. The Board will study the possibility of seeking a permanent address at an agent's office in town.
13. Please give any remaining waiver forms or sign-up sheets to Kevin O'Connor.

Jim Warren, Trail Boss, adjourned the meeting at 2:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Losse
Wrangler

attachments: Foreman's Report
Sunbeam Report

Foreman's Report - 05/06/2016

	<u>This Season</u>	<u>This Period*</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Starting cash balance	\$2,809.22	\$7,006.06	\$7,006.06
Income			
Dues: cash/check	\$5,970.00	\$60.00	
Dues: Paypal	\$5,970.00	\$60.00	
Misc. Income	\$5,768.00	\$88.00	
Total Income	\$17,708.00	\$208.00	\$7,214.06
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	\$0.00	
PayPal Fees	\$234.63	\$2.34	
Meeting Room Rental	\$500.00	\$0.00	
Sunbeam	\$61.51	\$32.48	
Chuck Wagon (meetings)	\$82.30	\$3.88	
Honorarium	\$1,400.00	\$400.00	
Nametags	\$627.36	\$104.98	
Historian	\$0.00	\$0.00	
eMail services	\$50.00	\$10.00	
Miscellaneous	\$4,468.71	\$0.00	
Total Expenses	\$13,856.84	\$553.68	\$6,660.38
Ending cash balance			\$6,660.38

* Reporting period is Apr 14, 2016 to May 6, 2016

Sunbeam Report

Cards sent to :

Sam and Rose Pietrofitta (death of Rose's brother)

John Losse (foot surgery)

Robert Paterson (death of sister)

Tom Makielski (death of son)

AJ. Cook (injury on river trip)

Karen Larson (injury on river trip)