

Sedona Westerners General Membership Meeting, February 9, 2017

Trail Boss Jim Warren called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. The minutes of the General Membership Meeting of January 12, 2017 were approved as posted. After welcoming new members and guests and asking them to introduce themselves, Jim made a few announcements.

Remarks by Trail Boss Jim Warren

- 1. Dues.** Jim reported that the Board of Directors voted to maintain the present annual dues rate of \$30. The decision was based on a detailed analysis presented by Foreman Gretchen Yager of anticipated expenses for events and insurance. The current rate will permit the club to retain a balance for over the summer expenses and ensure that the Westerners remain on solid financial footing.
- 2. Online Submission of Waiver.** Jim announced that the Board of Directors had voted to allow only the online submission of waivers by continuing and new members. This enables the club to have a database of all waivers signed with no exceptions.
- 3. Payment of Dues.** Cash will no longer be accepted in payment for dues. Members are strongly encouraged to pay online with a credit card or through PayPal. Checks will also be accepted, but members should be mindful that paying by check necessitates a multi-step handling of the payment.

4. Ad Hoc Committee for Studying Hike Classifications

Jim is forming an ad hoc committee to review the hike data base for suitability of level and to avoid overuse of trails. If you know the trails or are a current or former hike boss and would like to serve, please let Jim know.

5. Round-up Boss

The Round-up Boss position needs our support in seeking members to write articles. The Board of Directors is looking for ways to incentivize members to write articles for the Red Rock News.

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6. General Announcements

- a) The **April Meeting** will take place on the first Thursday of the month instead of the second Thursday because of Holy Week. St. John Vianney will not be available to the Westerners during Holy Week.
- b) The Spring Cookout will take place at the Elks at **5:00 PM** on **May 11** instead of the usual noon hour. The change allows the club to avoid the intense sun at the Elks venue.
- c) There is talk that the Senior Pass that gives entrance to the National Parks will be raised to \$80. If you have not purchased a pass and are eligible, you may want to proceed before the hike in rates takes place.

Officer Reports

Mary McCaffrey, Immediate Past Trail Boss and Chair of Nominating Committee

Mary announced the composition of the nominating committee:
Gretchen Yager, Scott McFeely, Dave Vanderwater, and Gus Rousenelous.

She requested that anyone interested in inquiring about a given office speak to her or another member of the nominating committee. She also urged anyone with an interest in serving as Roundup Boss to speak to her or to current Roundup Boss, Louise Osborn, about the responsibilities of the position. Later in the meeting, Brad Bell, current Cactus Dodger, spoke of how much he had enjoyed the position.

At the March meeting, Mary will present the slate of officers to the membership of the Sedona Westerners. The slate will be presented for a vote in the April meeting.

Jerry Walters, Cliff Walker

Jerry spoke about the great experience he as an officer of the Sedona Westerners, where he developed an interest in learning more about the preservation of archaeological sites. Through the Docents Program, jointly sponsored by the Friends of the Forest and the Arizona Archaeological Society, he has participated in the Docents Program and spoken to members of the Sedona Westerners about the program. He noted the current members who are docents: Andy

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Beeler, Jeff Brumbaugh, John Losse, Scott Newth, Jon Petrescu, Terri Petrescu, Joe Zani, Angela LeFevre, Paul LeFevre, Wayne Swart, and Paul Cooley.

Recognition of New Honorary Member: Cathy Lutz

Trail Boss Jim Warren asked Cathy Lutz to come forward to receive her badge in recognition of her status as an honorary member. Cathy has served in various roles: Drover Boss (2 years), Historian (2 years), Assistant Mustang Boss. She has also taken many of the pictures that appear in the various scrapbooks and initiated the digital scrapbook.

Hike Boss Reports (Details at end of minutes)

Ambler Boss (Scott McFeely): Scott thanked the hike leaders and co-leaders who had led hikes since the last meeting: Jodie Ball, Scott McFeely, Hassan Hosseini, and Bert McLean. Upcoming hikes include: Snoopy Saddle, Highline Vista, Chuckwagon/Gunslinger or Doe Mountain, and Battlement Mesa Circumnavigation

Rough Rider Boss (Brad Bell): Brad proudly reported no hike cancellations in spite of the snow and rain that had come to Sedona in the last month. He thanked the following hike leaders and co-leaders: Paul Sullivan, Clint Gelotte, Al Vander Peut, Mike Holmes, and Bob Bareuther.

Dogie Boss (Dave Vanderwater): Dave acknowledged the work of hike leaders and co-leaders: Bob Dannert, Barbara O'Connor, Mary McCaffrey, Michael McCaffrey, John Losse, and Debby Losse.

Upcoming hikes include: Brins Ridge, Soldiers Heights, Fay Canyon Heights, and City Hall Saddle.

Mustang Boss (Tom Yager): Tom announced only one cancellation and one snow modification since the last meeting. He expressed his appreciation to the hike leaders and co-leaders: Barbara O'Connor, Ernie Pratt, Tom Yager, and Mark Ducharme. He announced the following upcoming hikes: Court House Ledges and Edges, City Hall Circumnavigation, Balanced Rock and Beyond, and Damfino and Crimson Cliffs.

Drover Boss (Bert McLean): Bert McLean thanked the following hike leaders and co-leaders: Marion Hadji-Agha, Habib Hadji-Agha, Mary McCaffrey, and Michael McCaffrey.

Upcoming hikes include: Slim Shady, Cibola Mitten, Fay Canyon Plus, and Dry Creek Heights.

Rustler Boss (Al Barton): Al acknowledged the work of his hike leaders and co-leaders. He looks forward to the coming hikes: Adobe Jack, Chuck Wagon, and Slim Shady.

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Prospector (Barbara O'Connor for Kevin O'Connor): There are currently 335 members of which 85 are new members.

Foreman (Gretchen Yager) (Detailed report at the end of the minutes)

Starting Cash Balance *	\$ 7,981.38
Income	446.00
Expenses	377.69
Ending Cash Balance	8,049.69

*Period of Jan 1, 2017 to Jan 31, 2017

Chuck Wagon Boss (Perlina McCombs): Perlina is requesting that members sign up to bring snacks for the March meeting.

Sunbeam (Karen Schudson):

Get well card to John Kinnamon after foot surgery
Get well card to Angela Lefevre after shoulder surgery
Condolences to Barb Mallek, wife of Dave Mallek, Dogie Boss 2005-2006

Break.

Speaker: Mark Frank, Photographer and Member, Sedona Westerners. "Sedona Through the Seasons."

Wagon Boss Barbara O'Connor introduced Mark Frank, long-time member of the Sedona Westerners and noted photographer. Arizona Highways has published more than forty of his photos and several of his photos have appeared on the cover of the magazine and in its calendars. Mark spoke frequently about the importance of having a good foreground and getting close to the subject that appears in the foreground. He noted that he generally takes photographs at sunrise or sunset.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Losse, Wrangler

Attachments: Detailed Foreman's Report
Detailed Hike Bosses' Report

Foreman's Report - 02/01/2017

	<u>This Season</u>	<u>This Period*</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<i>Starting cash balance</i>	\$5,266.54	\$7,981.38	\$7,981.38
<i>Income</i>			
Dues:			
cash/check	\$4,410.00	\$180.00	
Dues: Paypal	\$5,010.00	\$240.00	
Misc. Income	\$327.00	\$26.00	
Total Income	\$9,747.00	\$446.00	\$8,427.38
<i>Expenses</i>			
Insurance	\$2,387.03	\$0.00	
Spring Cookout	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Fall Cookout	\$1,404.07	\$0.00	
Holiday Party	\$1,218.23	\$0.00	
PayPal Fees	\$198.06	\$9.66	
Meeting Room Rental	\$250.00	\$50.00	
Sunbeam	\$60.67	\$0.00	
Chuck Wagon (meetings)	\$23.20	\$0.00	
Honorarium	\$600.00	\$200.00	
Nametags	\$356.93	\$97.98	
Historian	\$99.00	\$0.00	
eMail services	\$90.00	\$13.50	
Miscellaneous	\$276.66	\$6.55	
Total Expenses	\$6,963.85	\$377.69	\$8,049.69
<i>Ending cash balance</i>			\$8,049.69

* Reporting period is Jan 1, 2017 to Jan 31, 2017

Hike Report Summary - starting Jan 12, 2017

Hike Date	Hike Name	Group	Number Hikers	Leader	Co-Leader	Remarks
Jan 26, 2017	Rabbit Ears Vista	Amblers	10	Jodie Ball	Scott McFeely	Uneventful; Tailgater: Hassan Hosseini
Feb 02, 2017	EZBreezy	Amblers	22	Bert McLean	Hassan Hosseini	Tailgaters: Kris McLean & Tony Paunika
Feb 09, 2017	Cibola-Jordan Loop	Amblers	21	Hassan Hosseini	Scott McFeely	Uneventful; Tailgaters: Bella Berlly
Jan 29, 2017	Big Park Overlook	Drovers	19	Marion Hadji-Agha	Habib Hadji-Agha	Bob Dannert Tailgating. Great Hike, a little snow near the top.
Feb 05, 2017	Devil's Bridge from Chuckwagon	Drovers	19	Mary McCaffrey	Mike McCaffrey	Nice hike. good weather, a little ice at the top. Tailgaters were Kris McLean and Tony Paunika.
Feb 07, 2017	Cathedral Rock Circumnavigation via Highline	Dogies	17	Bob Dannert	Barbara O'Connor	Tailgaters. Tom Blecha, Dave Vanderwater
Jan 31, 2017	Broken Ankle	Dogies	28	Mary McCaffrey	Michael McCaffrey	Tailgaters. John Freeman, Don Kling
Jan 17, 2017	Boynton Canyon	Dogies	16	John Losse	Debby Losse	Tailgaters. Jim Kemper, Joyce Minott

Feb 09, 2017	Mescal and More	Mustangs	22	Barbara O'Connor	Ernie Pratt	tailgaters: Phil Robson & Bob Dannert
Jan 26, 2017	Marg's Draw / Huckaby / Oak Creek Loop	Mustangs	15	Tom Yager		Due to snow and ice, we hiked up Schnebly Hill Rd to cow pies. Tailgater was Jim Kemper.
Feb 02, 2017	Soldier Heights Loop	Mustangs	21	Mark Ducharme	Tom Yager	Did hike in reverse. Tailgaters: Colleen Barcus, Robert Paterson
Feb 11, 2017	Longing for Earl	Rough Riders	27	Clint Gelotte	Louise Gelotte	
Jan 14, 2017	Rabbit's Staircase	Rough Riders	20	Paul Sullivan	Clint Gelotte	Not a bad turnout for a rainy day.
Jan 28, 2017	Huckaby Heights	Rough Riders	24	Al Vander Peut		
Feb 04, 2017	Brins Ridge / Fin	Rough Riders	24	Mike Holmes	Bob Bareuther	