SEDONA WESTERNERS MONTHLY MEETING
April 10, 2025
Sedona Public Library
3250 White Bear Lane, Sedona, AZ

CALL TO ORDER at 6:00 pm

WELCOME

Wagon Boss – Kelley Malek (for Trail Boss Terri Petrescu)

Kelley welcomed both new and returning members to the April 2025 monthly Roundup meeting.

Foreman's Report (Treasurer) – Mark Bealafeld

- Accounts YTD:
  - Income $12,090
  - Expenses $10,648
  - Net Income $1143
  - Cash on hand $9075

Voting Matters

- Approval of the Minutes of the March 19, 2025, Monthly Roundup Meeting
  - Kelley called for a motion to approve the minutes.
  - Moved by Donna Forsythe
  - Seconded by Gary Morgan
  - The motion carried

- Approval of the Foreman's Financial Report of March 2025
  - Kelley called for a motion to approve the March financial report.
  - Moved by Ray LaPorte
  - Seconded by Jim Kemper
  - The motion carried

Nominating Committee – Ray LaPorte

- Members of the Nominating Committee
  - Dave Vanderwater
  - Kelley Malek
  - Jim Thomas
  - Lisa Critchlow

- Elections were held for the following nominees:
  - Trail Boss (President) – Kelley Malek
  - Immediate Past Trail Boss – Ray LaPorte
  - Wagon Boss (VP & Program Director) – Jim Thomas
  - Wrangler (Secretary) – Jane Dasher

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    - Foreman (Treasurer) – Gary Morgan
    - Top Hand #1 – Actively Hiking Honorary Member (Director) – Michael Henry (year 1 of 3)
    - Ambler Boss – Jon Petrescu
    - Cactus Dodger (Rough Rider Hike Coordinator) - Clay Dunsmore
    - Dogies Boss - Dan Celeste
    - Drifter Boss - Donna Forsythe
    - Drover Boss - Jackie Pinho
    - Mustang Boss - Lou Sideris
    - Rustler Boss - Lisa Critchlow
    - Tracker Boss (Special Hikes Coordinator) - John Regalski
    - Prospector (Membership Chair) – Sandi Heysinger
    - Chuckwagon Boss (Food/Refreshment Coordinator) – Lynn Moffatt

- Kelley called for a motion to approve the slate of nominees.
    - Moved by Dave Minott
    - Seconded by Dick Williams
    - The motion carried

- The 2025-26 Board will be installed at the May picnic.
- Kelley thanked those who served on the nominating committee and the Westerners Board this year and welcomed the new Board.
- Appointed Position Volunteers still needed for the following positions – Kelley Malek
    - Roundup Boss – coordinate Red Rock News articles
    - Old Timer – Historian
    - Contact Kelley Malek if interested in helping: kmalek@sbcglobal.net

Officer Reports

Prospector (Membership) – Sandi Heysinger

- 2024-25:
    - Total members: 426
    - New members: 119
    - Honorary members: 36
- Membership totals this time last season.:
    - Total Members: 392
    - New Members: 118
    - Honorary Members: 26

Old Timer (Historian) – Lora Ellis

- Keep submitting pictures. We prefer pictures with faces that are recognizable.

Roundup Boss (Public Relations) – Sara Stiffler

- Only one more article for the Red Rock News is needed to finish the season.

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- Articles published since the last meeting were by Jim Kemper, John Regalski, Ernie Pratt and Sara Stiffler
- Upcoming interviews are with Al Vander Peut and Mike Holmes

Chuckwagon Report – Lynn Moffat

- Lynn gave thanks to all of the wonderful volunteers for snacks at tonight's meeting and, especially her assistant, Adrienne Pichette. Please sign up to help out at the May picnic.

Ranger (USFS Liaison) – Hassan Hosseini

- Thank you to Donna Forsythe and Ray LaPorte for their support on April 3 at Doe Mountain, when the Sedona Westerners sponsored the Forest Service Trail Work Day lunch and fed 16 volunteers.
- Instances of graffiti and vandalism on our trails have seemingly risen lately. Report them to Hassan with GPS locations and supporting pictures. He will forward the information to the Forest Service.

Sunbeam – Lisa Celeste

- Lisa sends out a variety of cards (e.g., well wishes, get well, etc.). Let Lisa know if you know of anyone who can use some cheering up.

Hike Boss Reports:

Drifters:	**Donna Forsythe**
Amblers:	**Lisa Critchlow for Jon Petrescu**
Rustlers:	**Lisa Critchlow**
Drovers:	**Amanda Maxwell**
Dogies:	**Jim Thomas**
Mustangs:	**Bob Apter**
Rough Riders:	**Randy Dent**
Trackers:	**Dick William for John Regalski** (Watch your email for dates and details)

The Hike Bosses thanked the assistant hike bosses and those who led, co-led and tailgated on the March and April hikes; and shared news of upcoming hikes. All are encouraged to participate in scouting for upcoming hikes, which are posted on the Sedona Westerners website.

The annual Amblers Grand Canyon hike on May 1 will be changed this year due to extremely long lines at the entry station. Instead, the Amblers hike will be an all-day outing at Walnut Canyon National Monument and Wupatki National Monument, and an end-of-the-day meal at Cameron's Trading Post.

Red Rock Ranger District: Dana Brown, Red Rock Ranger District Archaeologist, and L J Varon-Burkhart, Permits Administrator

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- Dana is the new USFS archaeologist of the Red Rock Ranger District. His emphasis is the study and preservation of pre-contact Sinaguan and Puebloan architecture and resources.
- L J is the permit administrator of the Red Rock Ranger District. She looks at organized activities in the Red Rock Ranger District, looks at plans, and grants permits. She is working with the Westerners on our Memorandum of Understanding.

Break for Refreshments

Presentation:
Speaker: Alice Madar Executive Director, International Hummingbird Society and Vice President of the Arizona Audubon Society
Title: "Hummingbirds in the Sedona Area"
Alice gave a presentation on the eight species of hummingbirds that can be found in the Sedona area, as well as when and where people can see them.

Mission of the International Hummingbird Society: Dedicated to educating people about hummingbirds and working to protect them.

There are more than 250 species of hummingbirds in the world ranging from 2" to 9," and typically live three-to-five years, but can live longer in captivity. North America's Rufous, Allen's and Broad-Tailed populations are in steep decline. Hummers only exist in the Americas, 8 of which are in the Verde Valley. They have the largest brain of any bird, 4.2% of body weight – more than humans (2%), and fly as fast as 35mph, dive speed more than 60 mph, and are the "fastest things on wings." They are the only birds capable of sustained hovering due to their rapid wing beats. Their tongue is two thirds the length of their body, and it's forked.
Local: Anna's live in Sedona year-round and have a bright red hood. Black-chinned hummers are the most prevalent in the west and have a large section of black on their chin with a band of purple. Their bill is longer than Anna's and they bob their tail when feeding. Rufous are tiny and feisty and have a red-orange chin and tail feathers. They have the longest migration of any North American hummingbirds. The three uncommon species of local hummingbirds are Broad-tailed, Broad-billed and Calliope. Calliopes are the smallest in the US and are mostly in the mountains. Rare: Costa's and Rivoli's. Costa's are almost as small as the Calliopes, but are mostly seen around Phoenix. Rivoli's are second largest in the US, and there is a population in Oak Creek Canyon around Cave Springs Campground. They are named after the Duke of Rivoli.

Major threats: climate change, habitat loss, window strikes and cat predation. When you find a nest, don't point at it because that will tip off ravens and jays.

The Sedona Hummingbird Festival will be July 25-27.

The meeting was adjourned at 7: 50 pm.
Respectfully submitted by Jan Taylor, Wrangler

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