

Board Meeting (via Zoom) Minutes August 4, 2021

Known Attendees (there may have been several additional): Al Vander Peut, David Minott, Dave Vanderwater, Harry Strong, Mark Bealafeld, Linda Shook, Donna Forsythe, Charlie Schudson, Judy Dolloff, Terri Petrescu.

Dave Minott opened the meeting at approximately 4:30 pm

Vote to Approve Appointed Officers

"I hereby make the motion to approve the Appointed Officers listed below for the 2021-2022 season".

Michael Henry – Ranger (Forest Service Liaison)
Dick Williams – Roundup Boss (Recruits Red Rock News articles; public relations)
Sandi Heysinger – Historian (Keeper of the Club's Historical documents)
Peg Cook – Sunbeam (Counselor and Card Sender)
Gary Morgan – Cliff Walker (Cultural Resources Education Coordinator)
Alan Gore – Point Rider (Web Master)
Hassan Hosseini – Assistant Ambler Boss (Assistant to the Ambler Boss)
Kelly-Leigh Thomas – Assistant Cactus Dodger (Assistant to the Rough Rider Boss)
Raphael LaPorte – Assistant Drover Boss (Assistant to the Drover Boss)
Dennis Chisholm – Assistant Mustangs Boss (Assistant to the Mustang Boss)
Jim Meade – Assistant Rustler Boss (Assistant to the Rustler Boss)
Susan Walter, Bella Berly – Assistant Tracker Boss (Assistant to the Tracker Boss)
Clint Gelotte – Assistant Prospector (Assistant to the Membership Chair)
Kevin O'Connor – Assistant Point-Rider (Assistant to the Web Master)

The motion was made and seconded. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

Action item: The Appointed Officers for the 2021 – 2022 season have been approved.

New Honorary Members

There are no members of the Sedona Westerners who qualify to be Honorary Members this season.

Action item: There are no Honorary Members for the 2021 – 2022 season.

Bob Dannert – Update on the Silver Bolo Award

"I hereby make the motion to approve expenditure of up to \$180 for silver plating services to prepare the Sedona Westerners Honorary Silver Bolo to be presented to Bob Dannert, and to approve the expenditure of up to \$80 for the bolo strings and tips needed for that bolo, as well as for the 10 bronze bolos purchased previously for presentation to future Trail Bosses".

Dave Minott showed the Board photos of what the bolo looks like currently, and what it would look like if we had silver plating.

Motion was approved by Al Vander Peut and seconded by Mark Bealafeld. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

Action item: The Board has approved the expenditure to have one bolo silver plated, and to purchase bolos strings and tips for the silver bolo, as well as for the 10 bronze bolos that were previously purchased.

Currently-Anticipated Plans for the New Season (Including COVID-Related)

- Most Westerners are vaccinated. Follow CDC guidelines for vaccinated people
- Outdoor Activities (Hiking and Picnics) – back to normal, if vaccinated. (Currently, no CDC restrictions on outdoor gatherings).
- Indoor Activities (Monthly meetings, Holiday party) – **Recent CDC Update:** CDC new-variant guidance recommends: “wearing a mask indoors in public” if in an “area of substantial or high transmission”.
 - Currently, 80% of the counties in the U.S. are at the substantial/high transmission rate, including Yavapai County.
 - September meeting protocol is currently uncertain
 - Will depend on the trend of spread rate in August and any CDC guidance updates or clarifications
 - Will monitor and Board to decide in mid- to late-August
- For unvaccinated Westerners, who choose to participate, continue following last year’s recommended safeguards:
 - Hiking: wear a mask at sign-ins, refrain from car-pooling, refrain from physical contact with others, including the sharing of food
 - Quarantine: 10 days following travel
 - Monthly Meetings, Holiday Party, Picnics: wear a mask and maintain social distancing

Tabled item: Board to re-visit the September meeting protocol in mid- to late-August

Update Hike Sign-in Rules per latest COVID Guidance

“I move to amend the Hike Sign-In Rules as proposed below:”

[Hiking Rules with proposed changes in red]

Hiking Rules:

- Everyone hiking today must sign the hike register and must have completed and signed a waiver.
- DO NOT HIKE if experiencing fever or flu-like symptoms, or if you ~~have been exposed to COVID-19, or believe suspect~~ you may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19.
- ~~If unvaccinated for COVID-19, wear a mask during the hike meet-up and sign-in, and refrain from car-pooling.~~
- Photos and GPS tracking are allowed on SW hikes. However, publishing photos, maps, tracks, or coordinates, or identifying sensitive areas such as ruin sites and rock art, is strictly prohibited. This restriction includes print media and internet websites.
- Hikers will practice a Leave-No-Trace policy, avoid sensitive soil and respect wildlife.

- Each hiker must have sufficient water (at least 2 liters, more on hot days), and wear lug-soled hiking boots.
- Each hiker will stay between the leader and tailgater at all times., ~~observe at least 6 feet of physical separation between hikers, and hike in a single file.~~
- ~~Hikers must not merge groups of 10 or change their assigned groups.~~
- Hikers must turn off cell phones, except in an emergency, and then use only with the Leader's consent.
- Notify the Leader immediately of illness or injury.
- All hikers are expected to complete hikes. In the case of illness or injury, a hiker may leave the hike with the consent of the Leader if accompanied by two people, at least one of whom knows the trail.

Motion was approved by Al Vander Peut and 2nd by Dave Vanderwater. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

Action item: The Hike Sign-In Rules are to be modified as per the changes shown above, to reflect updated COVID guidance.

September Monthly Meeting and Pizza/Ice Cream Social

The Trail Boss, Dave Minott, showed the following tentative plans for the September meeting:

- Location: in person, at the Sedona Methodist Church
- Pizza and Ice cream at 5:30
- Regular monthly meeting follows
- For 60th Anniversary observations:
 - o Announce plan to award the Silver Bolo to Bob Dannert at the October picnic
 - o Commemorative bandana distribution
 - o 60th Anniversary History presentation (in person)

A discussion ensued, with ideas brought forth. Two items to consider and discuss at the next meeting:

1. The possibility of asking those who are unvaccinated to not attend the indoor in-person meeting.
2. Should the Sedona Westerners ask our members if they have been vaccinated?

It is recommended that the Board table this item till their next meeting in mid-August to decide on the COVID feasibility of an indoor in-person meeting.

Tabled item: The Board will re-visit the September Monthly Meeting protocol.

Discuss/Vote Updates to the Bylaws

Our Trail Boss, Dave Minott, mentioned that it is time for us to review the Bylaws for revision. Any changes that are to be made must first be voted and approved by the Board, then presented to the members at a Monthly Meeting, and discuss and vote upon at a subsequent Monthly Meeting.

It was recommended and agreed that the Board be emailed any proposed changes to the Bylaws and given sufficient time to thoughtfully consider the proposals before a Board meeting discussion.

Tabled item: The Trail Boss, Dave Minott, will email the Board members the proposed changes to the Bylaws before the next Board meeting in mid-August.

New/Other Business

1. Al Vander Peut mentioned that we need to make sure that we are caught up in approving the Board Meeting minutes.
 - This item will be followed up by the next Board Meeting.

Tabled item: The Wrangler will verify and send out to the Board members any minutes that still need approval. They will then be voted on at the next Board meeting in mid-August.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Dave Vanderwater, and 2nd by Judy Dolloff. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sophia Sweeny, Wrangler
Sedona Westerners