

Board Meeting (via Zoom) Minutes November 9, 2020

Attendees: Terri Petrescu (via phone), Barbara O'Connor, Al Vander Peut, Charlie Schudson, David Minott, Dave Vanderwater, Donna Forsythe, Gini O'Brien, Janet Oliver, John Losse, Hassan Hosseini (for Judy Dolloff, at the end of the meeting), Mark Bealafeld, Michael McCaffrey, Ray LaPorte, Sophia Sweeny.

Absent: Deb Weinkauff, Patty Persons

Guest: Harold Brockwell

Terri Petrescu opened the meeting at 2:13 pm

INTRODUCTION OF NEW ROUNDUP BOSS

Harold Brockwell, our new Roundup Boss, introduced himself to everyone before the meeting officially started.

UPDATES ON THE 2020-2021 SEASON

The Trail Boss mentioned that since opening our season with our COVID rules we have only had one issue regarding wearing a mask, and one member who requested a refund. Otherwise, the members have been respectful and compliant, with the Hike Bosses agreeing with that observation. It was discussed that Terri will continue to watch the COVID numbers and consult with Curt Kommer; if the COVID positivity rate increases above 10%, we may have to pause the season. If we do not have to pause during the holiday season, we may still remind members to quarantine should they be traveling during the holidays or have guests that have traveled. Our hike leaders may consider having hikes on less-traveled trails. We can remind the members to quarantine during the Holiday season if traveling or hosting at sign-ins, our monthly membership meeting, and/or on the website.

Ray also mentioned a medical incident that occurred with a hiker, and discussed how to better address this situation in the future. It was suggested that calling 911 (if possible), would be prudent, as well as refreshing ourselves on a presentation that was done by Curt Kommer on how to address and prevent hiking-related medical problems – the slide show from the presentation by Curt Kommer is located on our website for reference at: https://www.sedonawesterners.com/pdf/Hiking_Related_Medical_Problems.pdf. A one-page summary would be prudent for hike leads to have.

HOLIDAY PARTY 2020

An idea was mentioned to do a Zoom Holiday party, with several ideas presented, however, the Executive Board was not in favor. In lieu of doing a Holiday party (and there would not be a Zoom meeting or speaker for December), a motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to make a donation to the Sedona Food Bank.

Action Item: A monetary donation of \$500 will be made to the Sedona Food Bank from the Sedona Westerners in lieu of having a Holiday Party. Update: it has been determined that the Board was erroneous in voting in this manner, as this needs to be done with a membership vote, so this is rescinded at this time.

RED ROCK TRAIL FUND

A motion was made, seconded and approved to support a fundraiser for the Red Rock Trail Fund, beginning in January.

Action Item: The Sedona Westerners will support a fundraiser for the Red Rock Trail Fund. Details will be forthcoming. Update: it has been determined that the Board was erroneous in voting in this manner, as this needs to be done with a membership vote, so this will be tabled until the January 2021 General Membership Zoom Meeting for a membership vote.

SIXTY (60) YEAR ANNIVERSARY FOR SEDONA WESTERNERS

The Sedona Westerners originated on February 2, 1961; this is our 60th year. The Trail Boss asked for ideas to help commemorate this occasion. Several ideas are being looked into to be reported on at the next meeting:

- 1) Commemorative bandanas, possibly with something educational and of interest to hikers in Arizona, such as identifying footprints or scat. Donna Forsythe will investigate this.
- 2) An update to the website's History page. Dave Minott and Terri Petrescu will collaborate on this.
- 3) A summary of the Westerners' history scrapbook-like presentation to be done at a general meeting. Terri Petrescu will confer with Joanne Makielski, and Sandi Heysinger or Dave Minott.

Terri ended the meeting at 3:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sophia Sweeny, Wrangler