

**Board Meeting (via Zoom) Minutes  
July 13, 2020**

Attendees: Terri Petrescu, Charlie Schudson, Dave Vanderwater, David Minott, Donna Forsythe, Janet Oliver, John Losse, Judy Dolloff, Mark Bealafeld, Michael McCaffrey, Ray LaPorte, Sophia Sweeny, Tom Yager.

Absent: Al Vander Peut, Deb Weinkauff, Gini O'Brien, Patty Parsons. Curt Kommer was invited to sit in for questions, but had a scheduling conflict.

Terri Petrescu opened the meeting at 2:03 pm

**UNFILLED APPOINTED POSITIONS FOR THE 2020-2021 SEASON**

Per an Action Item from the last Board meeting, Terri had sent out an email to the Westerners members for volunteers for the open positions. Terri then sent out an email to the Board on July 6<sup>th</sup> stating that Sandi Heysinger had contacted her to volunteer for the Historian position. There were no objections and so the position will be considered filled.

The Round Up Boss (who takes care of submitting articles to Red Rock News) is still unfilled. It was discussed that about 30 articles would be needed for submission to the Red Rock News during the course of our season.

Per an Action Item from the last Board meeting, Charlie Schudson had drafted a letter that would inform the public that the Westerners are in the process of coming up with amended plans for us to operate safely. Terri had then sent the letter to the Red Rock News; this will also be posted on our Website.

**REVIEW OF COVID-19 SOCIAL DISTANCING COMMITTEE DOCUMENTS**

Board members reviewed the Committee's documents and made suggestions and tweaks to each document. Sophia will make the agreed-to changes, which will then be sent to Terri, who will send it to be reviewed by Curt, who will send it back to Terri. At that point, the revised documents will go back to the Board for final approval.

Note that all changes that were made were approved by all.

**Action Item: Changes to the wording of the COVID-19 documents will be entered by Sophia and then submitted to the agreed-to process for final approval.**

**SIGN-UPS FOR THE 2020-2021 SEASON**

It was questioned if we should start sign-ups now, or wait until August. It was agreed that after the Board does the final approval of the COVID-19 Social Distancing Committee's documents, the notice document would be posted the last week of July onto the website, we would then conduct a Zoom Sedona Westerners members meeting in early August, **then** we could open up sign-ups around mid-

August. It was agreed that the Board would need to continue to assess the situation and the timeline, due to uncertainties with the COVID-19 situation.

**Action Item: Postpone the Sedona Westerners 2020-2021 season membership sign-ups to at least mid-August.**

### **SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

It was agreed that the September membership in-person meeting would be cancelled, but a Zoom meeting would be conducted, instead. Dave Minott has the presenter lined up and he could participate via Zoom, as well. It was also discussed about members who would not be able to join the meeting on the day/time of its occurrence, and Sophia said that she can have the recording of the meeting posted on the Westerners' website.

### **ZOOM MEETING TO UPDATE MEMBERSHIP**

It was agreed that in early August, a Zoom meeting will be held to update the membership about our progress with respect to how COVID-19 is expected to impact our season, also acknowledging uncertainties inherent with the emerging situation. Again, the recorded version of the meeting may be posted on the Westerners' website. Also, as there is a 100-participant limit to our Zoom membership, it was suggested that we request only 1 login per household.

### **OCTOBER PICNIC**

In light of the current state recommendation that gatherings of >50 not be held; it was agreed to cancel the October Picnic at the Posse Grounds.

### **BEGINNING OF HIKE SEASON**

It was mentioned that a number of hike bosses were having difficulties with volunteers to lead their hikes, especially for the beginning of the season. Also considering that often in September, some hikes were led in Flagstaff; the current COVID-19 environment would make it very dangerous for those carpooling for that amount of time in an enclosed place. It was agreed that, the beginning of the season will start on October 1<sup>st</sup> (This will be subject to change). It was also recommended that after the new hiking rules of advisement for COVID-19 are posted on the website and the early August Zoom meeting is held, that the hike bosses survey their leaders if they are still willing to lead the hikes they originally signed up to lead.

### **NEXT BOARD MEETING**

**The next Zoom Board meeting will be held on Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2 pm.**

**MISCELLANEOUS TOPIC**

Tom Yager brought up that our COVID-19 rules and restrictions should be checked with our insurance company for any potential issues. Mark Bealafeld will check with our insurance agent, with Dave Vanderwater offering to assist, if needed.

Terri ended the meeting at 4:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sophia Sweeny, Wrangler