

SEDONA WESTERNERS MONTHLY MEETING

APRIL 14, 2022 – VIA ZOOM

Call to Order – Welcome

Trail Boss, Dave Minott, welcomed both new and returning members to our monthly meeting, starting the meeting at 7:05 pm.

Votes (Foreman’s Report, Monthly Meeting Minutes)

Our Treasurer is called the Foreman, who is presently Mark Bealafeld. The **Foreman’s Monthly Reports** for the month of March 2022 were posted on our website for review by our members. Motion to approve the Foreman’s Reports was made by Scott McFeely and seconded by Ray LaPorte. The vote was unanimous. **Motion approved.**

The **Minutes of our last Monthly Meeting held March 10, 2022**, as a “draft” posted on the website by our Wrangler, Sophia Sweeny, also needs Membership approval. Motion was made by Mark Bealafeld and seconded by Donna Forsythe. The vote was unanimous. **Motion approved.**

Hike Boss Reports

Amblers Boss:	Judy Dolloff
Cactus Dodger (Roughriders Boss):	Ken Ferguson (Absent) – report given by Kelly-Leigh Thomas, Assistant Cactus Dodger
Dogie Boss:	Harry Strong
Drover Boss:	Ray LaPorte
Mustang Boss:	Jim Sweeny
Rustlers Boss:	Patti Pierce
Trackers Boss:	Charlie Schudson

Bosses thanked those who led, co-led and tailgated on the past month’s hikes, gave information on the criteria for their level of hikes, and shared news of some upcoming hikes.

Note: The Trackers mentioned that the hike to Rock Art Wall in Loy Canyon with a talk by Scott Newth on March 23, 2022 was so popular, that a second date has been set for November 16, 2022. If you are interested, please contact the Trackers Boss, Charlie Schudson to get on the waiting list, who’s contact information can be found at: <https://www.sedonawesterners.com/officers.php>

Officer Reports

Prospector (Membership, Michael McCaffrey): Trail Boss, Dave Minott, relayed the membership data. Membership is up to 417, of which 158 are new members and 33 are honorary members. We are delighted to note that not only is the total number at this time above last year’s, but it is also greater than that of 2 years ago.

Foreman (Treasurer, Mark Bealafeld): Our Treasurer related our current financial picture.

Sunbeam (Sunbeam, Peg Cook): Two cards were sent out: a condolences card for Alan Gore’s mother’s passing at 99 years old, and a get-well card for Ladonna Steiner who suffered a bike accident.

Ranger (Forest Service liaison, Michael Henry): There was 1 report filed this past month for graffiti. A reminder that photos and GPS coordinates furnished by Westerners' hikers are of vital importance when reporting instances of graffiti, transient camping, and excessive trash. Resources are limited for researching and remediating these situations, and, with the available technology almost everyone has these days, pictures and GPS coordinates save time and effort.

Cliff Walker (Cultural Resources etiquette, Gary Morgan): was absent. No report.

Old Timer (Sandi Heysinger) Wishes to thank everyone who has contributed photos for the year book. We are currently in good shape, but she reminded us to take pictures at the picnic to send to her.

Chuckwagon Boss (Patty Persons, Chuckwagon Boss): Needs volunteers for the May Picnic. Positions still open: set-up, tear-down and griller. If available, please contact Patti Persons, whose contact is on our Officers page at: <https://www.sedonawesterners.com/officers.php>

Roundup Boss (Red Rock News articles, Dick Williams): Greatly appreciates those who have submitted articles. Dick notes that we seem to be in good shape right now. He also mentioned that a number of people have come up to him about the articles and how much they enjoy them; one such person mentioned what the old auto that was noticed on one of our hikes – it is a 1941 Oldsmobile Dynamic Cruiser Deluxe! Should you want to submit an article, please email the Roundup Boss, whose contact is on our Officers page at: <https://www.sedonawesterners.com/officers.php>

VOTE - Elected-Officer Nominees for 2022-2023

Note that the Immediate Past Trail Boss chairs the Nominating Committee that recruits the nominees for next season's Elected Offices.

Nominating Committee Chair: Terri Petrescu

Nominating Committee Members: Donna Forsythe, Sophia Sweeny, Hassan Hosseini

Elected-Officer Nominees for 2022-2023

Trail Boss: Donna Forsythe (Succession from this year's Wagon Boss)

Immediate-Past Trail Boss: David Minott (2021-2022 Trail Boss)

Wagon Boss (VP; Trail-Boss Elect): Ray LaPorte

Wrangler (Secretary): Sophia Sweeny

Foreman (Treasurer): Mark Bealafeld

Prospector (Membership Chair): Michael McCaffrey

Chuckwagon Boss (Food/Entertainment Coord.): Martha Blaney

Top Hand #1 (Actively Hiking Honorary Member): Jim Kemper

Top Hand #2/#3 are multi-year commitments, not up for re-election

Ambler Boss: Jan Taylor

Cactus Dodger (Roughriders) Boss: Dr. Kelly-Leigh Thomas

Dogies Boss: Lora Ellis

Drover Boss: Kelley Malek

Mustangs Boss: Jim Sweeny

Trackers Boss: Charlie Schudson

Rustlers Boss: Deb Hicks

It was questioned whether anyone at the meeting had any further nominations; there were none. Per the Bylaws, the slate was presented at last month's meeting and to be voted upon at this meeting.

The vote was unanimous: **all were approved.** The new Officers will be installed at the Spring Picnic.

Appointed-Officer Recruitment (In Progress) for 2022-2023 by Wagon Boss, Donna Forsythe

Ranger (Forest Service Liaison): Amanda Maxwell

Roundup Boss (News Articles): Dick Williams

Old Timer (Historian): Sandi Heysinger

Sunbeam (Card Sender, Counselor): Peg Cook

Point Rider (Webmaster): Clint Gelotte

Cliff Walker (Cultural Resources Ed): Gary Morgan

Asst. Prospector (Membership): **TBA**

Asst. Point Rider (Webmaster): Al Gore

Asst. Cactus Dodger (Roughriders) Boss: Trish Travis

Asst. Mustangs Boss: Gary Morgan

Asst. Dogies Boss: Lisa Celeste

Asst. Drivers Boss: Hassan Hosseini

Asst. Rustlers Boss: **TBA**

Asst. Amblers Boss: John Petrescu

Asst. Trackers Boss: Tim Lowrey

Per the Bylaws, vote to approve these Appointed-Officer nominees to be held at a future Board meeting. If anyone is interested in any of the open positions, please contact Wagon Boss, Donna Forsythe whose contact information is found at: <https://www.sedonawesterners.com/officers.php>

Spring Picnic

The Spring Picnic is set for May 12th at the Posse Grounds Ramadas, beginning at Noon. Two special COVID-protection measures will be implemented: first, we will enable seating while eating to only four people per table. To enable this, we are renting 20 more tables, with four folding chairs per table. Second, our volunteer servers will be wearing masks while serving. Registration for the picnic will be open later this month. There will be an announcement to the membership about this. Registration for the picnic is free to members and \$10 per guest.

Guest Speaker

Our Wagon Boss, Donna Forsythe introduced our Guest Speaker, Tim Hauck, who is the Program Director at the Peregrine Fund. His presentation was: "Saving the Condor: The Road to Recovery". This presentation brought up many interesting facts, among them:

- The Navaho Bridge is one of the best places to see California Condors.
- California Condors have 9½ foot wingspans, are about 3½ feet tall, and have great eyesight
- At their lowest population, there were only 22 condors in the wild
- Captive breeding was initiated in 1982, in 1992 they started releases (since 1997 in Arizona)
- It was found that many condors were dying from lead poisoning. The lead was from bullet fragments that were ingested in their food. This discovery led to the North American Non-Lead Partnership (encouraging hunters to use non-lead bullets)

Meeting was adjourned at: 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sophia Sweeny, Wrangler