

SEDONA WESTERNERS MONTHLY MEETING

MAY 13, 2021

Trail Boss, Terri Petrescu, began the meeting at 7:02 pm.

THANKS

The Trail Boss expressed her thanks to the 2020-2021 Board for navigating the challenges that were faced this year, and to Curt Kommer, for his assistance with COVID-related rules for our organization.

FALL PICNIC

Currently, we plan to be able to resume our picnic. Contact the incoming Trail Boss, Dave Minott (through the link on the Officer's Page at: <https://www.sedonawesterners.com/officers.php0>), should you wish to help.

NEW BOARD INDUCTION

Congratulations to our incoming Board members!

Trail Boss (President): David Minott

Wagon Boss (Vice President and Program Director): Donna Forsythe

Wrangler (Secretary): Sophia Sweeny

Foreman (Treasurer): Mark Bealafeld

Prospector (Membership Chair): Michael McCaffrey

Top Hand #3 (Actively Hiking Member): Dave Vanderwater

Top Hand #1 (Honorary Member): John Losse (1 year)

Ambler Boss: Judy Dolloff

Cactus Dodger: Ken Ferguson

Dogie Boss: Harry Strong

Drover Boss: Linda Shook

Mustang Boss: Jim Sweeny

Rustler Boss: Patricia Pierce

Tracker Boss: Charlie Schudson

Chuckwagon Boss: Patty Persons

VOTES

The Wagon Boss asked the general membership in attendance to vote on passing the Foreman's report for March, 2021. The resolution passed unanimously with no objections.

The Wagon Boss asked the general membership in attendance to vote on accepting the General Meeting Minutes dated April 8, 2021. The resolution passed unanimously with no objections.

HIKE BOSS REPORTS

Hike Bosses recapped this past month's hikes and thanked those who helped lead or co-lead.

One item of note, is that we are still looking for an Assistant Dogie Hike Boss. If you are interested, please contact the Trail Boss (either Terri Petrescu or Dave Minott), at the link found on the Officers page:

<https://www.sedonawesterners.com/officers.php>

OFFICER REPORTS

Our Trail Boss, Terri Petrescu, presented for Michael McCaffrey, Prospector, that as of May 9, 2021 the total members are 276, of which 61 are new members and 28 are honorary members. This time last season, the membership was 405 total members.

Mark Bealafeld, Foreman, reported that the club has a cash balance of \$10,204.32 as of April 30, 2021. The complete Foreman's Report is on the website at <https://sedonawesterners.org/minutes.php>

Sandi Heysinger, Historian, thanked all those who have submitted photos for the yearbook. If you are a new Appointed Officer, please make sure that you submit your head shot to our Historian. If you have any photos that you wish to submit, you may contact the Historian through the link found on the Officers page at:

<https://www.sedonawesterners.com/officers.php> The online yearbook should be ready this summer. Print copies will be available to those who are interested.

Our Trail Boss, Terri Petrescu, presented for the Sunbeam officer, Phyllis Elliott, that there were no cards sent out this past month. Should you have knowledge of cards that would need to be sent out, please contact the Sunbeam through the link found on the Officers page at: <https://www.sedonawesterners.com/officers.php>

Our Trail Boss, Terri Petrescu, presented for the Ranger, Michael Henry, who sends reports to the US Forest Service, which for the past month included 5 reports of graffiti, one report of trash and one report of vandalism. Please note that should you see anything during the summer that needs to be reported, you may continue to contact the Ranger (link is found below). Please note our guidelines for our hikers: first, in the event that a hiker sees any graffiti or vandalism, to capture the location (with GPS and pictures, preferred) and not to try to remove the graffiti ourselves; secondly, if a hiker encounters a transient camper NOT to approach the person, but to note the number of persons and their location, and if possible, to discretely take photo or GPS to aid law enforcement. In all cases, send the information to the Ranger whose link is found on the Officers page at: <https://www.sedonawesterners.com/officers.php>

Trail Boss, Terri Petrescu, presented for Harold Brockwell, Roundup Boss, thanks for those who have submitted articles this season. If you still have an article that you would like to submit, please contact our Roundup Boss whose link is found on the Officers page at: <https://www.sedonawesterners.com/officers.php>

Past President, Barbara O'Connor, expressed her thanks to our Trail Boss, Terri Petrescu, for her leadership in this very trying year that we have had.

Terri finished by expressing her thanks to the Board for their assistance in this eventful season.

PRESENTATION

The Wagon Boss, Dave Minott presented an informative slide show: "Sedona Westerners 60th Anniversary, 1961 – 2021 Highlights of Our History". This slide show reviewed our organization's founding and evolution. Among points presented were:

- Founded in 1961 as a Western-themed social club and civic organization
- Hiking began in 1965, with one hike per week
- By 2000, there were 5 hiking groups
- By late 1961 there were 39 members, including members and/or descendants of 3 of Sedona's founding families (Schnebly, Thompson, and Purtyman)
- Sponsored "Western Days" (1967 – 1972), a weekend event that included dressing in Western clothing, riding horses, providing Western-style entertainment to tourists (square dances, hay rides, rodeos, bullfights, parades, burro races, and barbeques)
- The publication "Those Early Days" (1968), written by Westerners Allen Bristow and Myrtle Smith, contained historical content based primarily on the recorded recollections of over 50 Sedona-area pioneers
- The Sedona Westerners were instrumental in standardizing names for many of the formations in our area
- The Sedona Westerners were early leaders in trail marking in Sedona
- The Sedona Westerners were early leaders in producing Sedona Trail Maps
- Were focused on conservation and stewardship from the beginning
- Bob Fuge wrote an account of the Sedona Westerner history for the 40th anniversary, which is available on our website.

For a limited time, you may find a link to the recorded meeting, including this presentation on our Home Page.

Terri Petrescu ended the meeting at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sophia Sweeny
Wrangler