

SEDONA WESTERNERS MONTHLY MEETING

OCTOBER 8, 2020

Trail Boss, Terri Petrescu, began the meeting at 7:03 pm.

Terri then reviewed the salient COVID-19 related rules for the Sedona Westerners to follow.

Terri mentioned that the hike groups had a good first week of hiking with good participation numbers. Also, be sure to welcome any new members you encounter on your hikes.

Terri stated that we are still in need of a Roundup Boss (Red Rock News coordinator). Please consider volunteering your time in this position. Contact the Trail Boss, Terri Petrescu, at <https://www.sedonawesterners.com/officers.php> with any questions, or to volunteer.

HIKE BOSS REPORTS

Judy Dolloff Ambler Boss

Donna Forsythe Rustler Boss

Ray Laporte Drover Boss

Janet Oliver Dogie Boss

Dave Vanderwater Mustang Boss

Deb Weinkauff Cactus Dodger

Charlie Schudson Tracker Boss

The bosses each gave a description of the difficulty, distance, and pace of hikes for the group that they lead. Go to <https://www.sedonawesterners.org/groups.php> for a detailed description of each Hike Group.

The hike bosses thanked those who led/co-led their previous hikes.

The hike bosses also described the upcoming hikes for their group. Hikes can change so always check <https://www.sedonawesterners.org/schedule.php> for the most current schedule.

The hike bosses also notified the members of any upcoming hikes where leaders and/or co-leaders were needed. Contact the hike boss from the Officers page located at: <https://www.sedonawesterners.com/officers.php>

OFFICER REPORTS

Michael McCaffrey, Prospector, reported that as of October 8, 2020 the total members are 223, of which 36 are new members and 27 are honorary members. This time last season, the membership was 264 total members. Please note that the numbers for this time last season on last month's report were incorrect. The numbers above are correct.

Mark Bealafeld, Foreman, reported that the club has a cash balance of \$13,075.86 as of October 5, 2020. The complete Foreman's Report is on the website at <https://sedonawesterners.org/minutes.php>

Sandi Heysinger, Historian, was unable to attend, but Terri reported about ways in which we may submit photographs for the Sedona Westerners Yearbook. This may be accomplished either: if submitting a few photos, you may submit them to the Hike Boss, per their instructions, or contact the Historian who will provide you with an email to submit the photos to; or if anticipating submitting many photos, you may contact the Historian for a photo vault (instructions would be provided). In each case please provide Hike Group, Hike Name and Hike Date.

Phyllis Elliott, Sunbeam, reported that two cards were sent out in September.

Michael Henry, Ranger, reported on his September reports to the US Forest Service, which included 2 reports of graffiti. He reiterated guidelines for our hikers: first, in the event that a hiker sees any graffiti or vandalism, to capture the location (with GPS, if possible) and not to try to remove the graffiti ourselves; secondly, if a hiker encounters trash, to remove it if possible, if not possible, please capture the location (again, with GPS, if possible); lastly, 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>

The Wagon Boss, Dave Minott introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Jim Graceffa, who is with the Verde Valley Archeology Center. Dr. Graceffa spoke about the Hayfield Dig site. This is a site of a Sinagua House Village, located near Cottonwood. He discussed some of the items that they have found, including pottery, evidence of diet, and evidence of a fire that broke out in ancient times at the site.

Terri ended the meeting at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sophia Sweeny
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