

# SEDONA WESTERNERS MONTHLY MEETING

## NOVEMBER 12, 2020

Trail Boss, Terri Petrescu, began the meeting at 7:04 pm.

Terri has thanked all who have helped the Westerners this season.

Terri made an announcement that the Board of Directors have approved that due to the Yavapai County 2-week COVID positivity rate being 12%, the Sedona Westerners will be pausing the hiking season through the end of the 2020 year.

Terri announced that due to not being able to gather in-person, the Holiday party is cancelled, and there is no Zoom meeting for December. The Board of Directors has unanimously agreed to make a donation of \$500 to the Sedona Food Bank. **Update: it was discovered that this needs to be brought to the membership for a vote, so this is rescinded.**

Terri mentioned that the Westerners will have a fund raiser in 2021 for the Sedona Red Rock Trail Fund, with matching up to \$1000, with further details to be announced at the next Zoom meeting (January). **Update: it was discovered that this needs to be brought to the membership for a vote, so this will be tabled for a vote until the January membership Zoom meeting.**

### 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.

In lieu of the announcement of the suspension of the hiking season for the rest of 2020, the upcoming hikes that were listed would have to be disregarded. When our hiking season resumes, please check the schedule on the Westerners' website at <https://www.sedonawesterners.org/schedule.php> for the most current schedule.

### OFFICER REPORTS

Michael McCaffrey, Prospector, reported that as of November 9, 2020 the total members are 260, of which 53 are new members and 29 are honorary members. This time last season, the membership was 309 total members.

Mark Bealafeld, Foreman, reported that the club has a cash balance of \$11,962.98 as of November 2, 2020. The complete Foreman's Report is on the website at <https://sedonawesterners.org/minutes.php> A membership vote was conducted to approve the financial report, with unanimous approval.

With unanimous consent, the membership approved the minutes of the last general meeting.

Sandi Heysinger, Historian, reported that especially being that our hiking season has been paused, submitting photos of the hikes that have been done to date, is of even more importance than before. If you have photos to contribute, please contact our Historian through the link found on the Officers page at: <https://www.sedonawesterners.com/officers.php> for further information. In each case please provide Hike Group, Hike Name and Hike Date.

Phyllis Elliott, Sunbeam, reported that cards were sent out in October to: Andy Beeler, Gus and Diane Rousonelos, and Ann Urick. 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>

Michael Henry, Ranger, reported on his October reports to the US Forest Service, which included 3 reports of graffiti (2 of which were not able to be removed, due to proximity to sensitive ruins), and 1 report of trash. 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 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>

An announcement was made that we have a new Roundup Boss, Harold Brockwell. There were 3 submissions to the Red Rock News. If you would like to submit an article of a hike that you have done with the Westerners this season (or in past seasons), please contact the Roundup Boss through his link on the Officers page at: <https://www.sedonawesterners.com/officers.php> This is especially important now that our hiking season has been paused.

The Wagon Boss, Dave Minott introduced our guest speaker, Wayne Ranney, who is a local geological expert and author. Mr. Ranney spoke on "The Mogollon Rim: Arizona's Other World-Class Landscape." Mr. Ranney spoke about how the Rim was formed and some of the geologic controversies surrounding it. Mr. Ranney started his talk by remembering former Sedona Westerners Janet Wheeler and Paul Lindberg. A few facts that were presented:

- The Mogollon Rim is Arizona's 2<sup>nd</sup> largest landform, after the Grand Canyon
- The Mogollon Rim is named after a Spanish Governor of New Mexico, Don Juan Ignacio Flores Mogollon, 1712- 1715
- The Mogollon Rim is an escarpment (cliff of rocks), stretching from Northwest to Southeast about 200 miles across the middle of Arizona
- The Mogollon Rim has the same layers as the upper 1/3 of the Grand Canyon
- The first widely released book that referred to the area is: "Under the Tonto Rim" by Zane Grey (1926)
- Much of the information from this presentation is found in Wayne Ranney's book: "Sedona Through Time: A Guide to Sedona's Geology, available at: [wayneranney17@gmail.com](mailto:wayneranney17@gmail.com)

Terri ended the meeting at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sophia Sweeny  
Wrangler