

Sedona Westerners General Membership Meeting

September 14, 2017

Trail Boss Barbara O'Connor called the meeting to order at 700PM. The minutes of the General Membership Meeting of April 6, 2017 were approved as posted. After welcoming returning members, new members and guests, the new members were asked to stand and introduce themselves.

Barbara thanked all the officers for their work this summer in preparation for this season and acknowledged that there is a lot of work done behind the scenes. She thanked Walter Krywicki for arranging for a contractor to move the screen from the Elks and install it at the Methodist Church, repairing any damage at the Elks.

Old Business:

Pat Capana agreed to take on the hat selling job. The ball caps are \$26, sunhats are \$36. There are only 10 hats left to sell.

Michael Holmes was presented with an Honorary Membership which included a name badge. He joined the Sedona Westerners in 2007 and soon became a key contributor to the club. He led hikes for all group levels and in 2009 was elected Mustang Hike Boss, in 2010 Rough Rider Hike Boss, in 2011 Wagon Boss and in 2012 he was the club Trail Boss. In 2013 Mike served on the Board as Immediate Past Trail Boss and continues to lead hikes for the Westerners and guide excursions to the Grand Canyon and Southern Utah. He also is an avid race car driver, backpacker and a black belt in karate.

Officer Reports:

Foreman's Report: Gretchen Yager (Report at the end of the minutes)

Gretchen reported that our fiscal year began on July 1st and through August month-end we have received \$3990 in Dues Income. This has been offset by \$2862 in expenses of which 85% was for insurance. The remaining were miscellaneous items such as nametags, drop box and email service.

This leaves the club with a cash balance of \$7674.

Prospector: Kevin O'Connor Assistant Prospector

Kevin reported that 240 members have signed up already and that 30 are new members. There is no longer any paper and this will be the last year for checks. You will sign up on line.

Ambler Boss: Pat Capana

Ambler hikes are generally 4-5 miles or 5 hours with frequent stops at an leisurely pace. For those new to the Sedona Westerners this is the suggested group to join for one's first hike. Two Ambler hikes were led, Kelly Canyon and Baldwin Trail. Pat gave thanks to leaders Dave Vanderwater, Diane Luce, Barb O'Connor and Jon Petrescu and also the tailgaters Don Kling, Chris Greene and Terry O'Brien. Pat also recognized Cliff Heide a new member who wrote the hike article for the Red Rock News. Two upcoming hikes will be Aerie Trail and West Fork.

Cactus Dodger Michael McCaffrey

The first hike was cancelled to Walnut Canyon. The leaders were to be Michael and Mary McCaffrey.

Dogie Boss: Dave Vanderwater

Two hikes have been done with the Dogies, Sandy's Canyon to Fisher Point and Hardings Spring. The leaders were Alan Gore and Dave Vanderwater and Barbara O'Connor and Marion Hadji.

Drover Boss: Terri Petrescu

The first hike for the season was Fay Canyon Overlook led by Jim Kemper and Don Kling. People planning on hiking the upcoming West Fork hike should bring along their passes. Otherwise, hiking is \$10.

Mustang Boss: Jim Kemper

Two hikes have been led this season with the Mustangs, Twin Buttes Heights and Shuerman/Pyramid/Herkenham Circuit. The leaders were Jim Kemper, Barb O'Connor, Mary and Michael McCaffrey and tailgaters were Bert McClean and John Freeman. Upcoming hikes will be Wild Bill Hill/Lava Tube and Sycamore Canyon Lollipop.

Rustler Boss: Marj Haas

The Rustlers are the Saturday hike group which is an easy to moderate pace usually completed by noon. The first hike of the season was to Westfork and led by Barbara O'Connor.

Tracker Boss: Barbara O'Connor for Ernie Pratt

Trail Boss Barbara O'Connor gave the upcoming report for Ernie Pratt who could not be present. The first tracker program will be in Flagstaff at Snowbowl. It will involve a chairlift to 11,300 ft where an interpretive talk of area and short hike will be given. The chairlift ride is 25 minutes in length. It was emphasized to members that this was a Friday event and not the usual Wednesday. Sign up is currently open and details are posted online.

Barbara also announced a morning visit to the USGS Astrogeology Center in Flagstaff for Tracker Hike #2. Once again people were urged to check the details of the program online.

Roundup Boss: Jeff Fargo

Jeff coordinates with the Red Rock News articles written by Sedona Westerners and published weekly on Friday. He states that he needs to submit 36 articles over 9 months and needs volunteers to achieve this goal. Jeff gave kudos to the people who have thus far written articles for him and also the consistent hike photographers. He also reported that he has a Guideline summary that he can email to any potential scribes.

Chuckwagon Boss: David Minott

David reported that monthly snacks are needed at each meeting and thanked the volunteers for providing this month's goodies. The picnic is this October 12 at Possee Ground and volunteers are needed to sign up to help make this a successful event. If people want to attend they are reminded to register online.

Ranger: Paul Sullivan

Paul reminded everyone about our agreement with the Forest Service to allow us to do limited brushing/clipping on published trails. At least one person in the group must have signed the waiver provided by the Forest Service. He requested everyone to report any graffiti, signs of illegal camping and trailbuilding to him so he could then forward this information on to the Forest Service and the Friends of the Forest. Kendrick mountain area has been reopened for hiking but people should use caution due to falling trees and potential flash floods in the badly burned area.

Sunbeam: Karen Schudson

Condolences were given to Jeff Fargo for the death of his father (6/20/17) and to the family of Charles West (7/26/17). The card was sent to Doris West, c/o daughter Wendy Dorson, 13845 N. 44th Place, Phoenix, AZ 85032.

Congratulations on the 50th anniversary to Tom and Judith Arni (9/9/17).

Cliff Walker: Jon Petrescu

Jon reminded us of our responsibilities with regard to archeological sites and reinforced our agreement with the Forest Service that no Westerner hike may visit any archeological site in Boynton Canyon.

He also provided a verbal list of Do's and Don'ts with regard to etiquette at archeological sites. Please report any vandalism to these sites as soon as possible by calling the Coconino National Forest Fire Dispatcher 24 hour line at 928-526-0600. If one notices any recent graffiti please contact Jon at 619-206-7226 or email jpetrescu@gmail.com.

Break

Speaker.

Wagon Boss Tom Yager introduced the speaker, Janeen Trevillyan. She has always had an interest in historic preservation and served 3 terms on the City of Sedona's Historic Preservation Commission. She has also volunteered with the Sedona Heritage Museum for 15 years and is the co-author of the book, "Images of Sedona". She recently became the Director of Member Services for the Chamber of Commerce. The topic for the evening was Movie Making in Sedona. Janeen sparked our interest by listing the famous movie stars who came to Sedona (Glenn Ford, Henry Fonda, Tyrone Power, Jimmy Stewart, John Wayne, etc.) and the 120 films that were made here (Broken Arrow, The Rounders, Silent Canyon, etc.). We were also informed that many of the streets in West Sedona were named after the movies sets.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Ducharme, Wrangler

Attachments: Detailed Foreman's Reports

