

Sedona Westerners General Membership Meeting

Feb 8, 2018

Trail Boss Barbara O'Connor called the meeting to order at 700PM. The minutes of the General Membership Meeting of January 11, 2017 were approved as posted. New members and guests were asked to stand and introduce themselves.

Officer Reports:

Foreman's Report: Gretchen Yager

In January we had Dues Income of \$840. This was offset by expenses of \$469 for the usual expenses such as meeting room, honorarium, name tags, etc. The highlights of the month is thanks to the great work by Pat Capanna, the last two hats were sold. We currently have a cash balance of \$10,237 for expenses as we move through the last few months of the hiking season.

Prospector: Clint Gelotte

Total Membership:	401 members
New	117
Returning	264
Honorary	20 (5%)

Comparison to previous seasons:

Feb. 9, 2017	335 members/85 new
Feb. 11, 2016	375 members/100 new
Feb. 12, 2015	372 members/83 new

Active hikers who have been with the club the longest:

1. Len and Olga Olstrom – 22 years
2. Yona Salberg 20 years
3. Bob Dannert 20 years

Ambler Boss: Pat Capana

Pat thanked leaders and tailgaters from past hikes and also mentioned the upcoming hikes. She also acknowledged the club members who wrote articles of the Ambler hikes. Completed hikes were Courthouse Butte Loop, Rabbit Ears Vista, EZ Breezy and Snoopy Saddle. Upcoming hikes will be Doe Mt and Hi-Line Vista. Pat recognized Pat Priore for volunteering with 9 hikes with the Amblers.

Rough Riders: Michael McCaffrey

Michael acknowledged both hike leaders and tailgators for past hikes: Bear Mt/Fay Canyon Overlook, AB Young/Vultee Crash Site, Holy Grail Loop and Walker Basin.

Dogie Boss: Dave Vanderwater

Dave recognized hike leaders and tailgators of the completed hikes: Pac Man Rock, Carroll Canyon, Pyramids and Polygons and Cathedral Heights.

Drover Boss: Terri Petrescu

Terri thanked the leaders and tailgaters of her group for the following hikes: Cockscomb, Steamboat, Courthouse and Snoopy. Upcoming hike will be to Gooseneck.

Mustang Boss: Jim Kemper

Jim thanked leaders and tailgaters for the following Mustang hikes: Badger Springs Wash, Jaw Dropper, Secret Canyon Arch and Hot Wood.

Rustler Boss: Marj Haas

Marj thanked the leadership of Jan Taylor, Linda Schermer and Jean and Al Barton. No hike names were provided in report.

Tracker Boss: Ernie Pratt

Ernie reported there has been one Tracker hike since last meeting which was Archeology with Ken Zoll and a historical tour of Camp Verde. He announced an upcoming Walker basin Archeology hike with Jerry Walters and the geology of Jerome with Paul Lindberg.

Roundup Boss: Jeff Fargo

Jeff acknowledged the following people who wrote articles for the Red Rock News: Jodie Ball, Clint Gelotte, John Losse and Jim Sweeney.

Chuckwagon Boss: David Minott

Dave thanked those who brought treats to enjoy during the meeting break: Al Abbott, Cy Elliot, Mary Ann Freeman, Velma Keller, Barbara O'Connor, Olga Ostrom, Maria Rozas and Marie Schreck. He also requested volunteers to sign up for the March meeting to bring treats.

Ranger: Paul Sullivan

Paul reminded everyone about the Volunteer Trail Day for February 17. The meeting place will be the Jim Thompson Trailhead for trail maintenance on the Adobe Jack and Brins Mesa trails from 830AM to 1230PM. The Westerners will provide lunch for all workers after the job is completed. He also requested that anyone clipping or picking up trash on published trails submit the date, location, and hours to him to get proper work credit with the Forest Service.

Sunbeam: Karen Schudson (Barbara O'Connor gave report for Karen)

A get-well card was sent to Marj Haas.

Break

Speaker: Lisa Schnebly Heidinger – Author and Great Granddaughter of Sedona Schnebly

Wagon Boss Tom Yager introduced the speaker, Lisa Schnebly Heidinger great granddaughter of Sedona Schnebly and current author of The Journal of Sedona Schnebly which was just published in 2017. Lisa has written for newspapers, magazines, radio, television and editorial pages along with nine books. Lisa started to compile interviews and stories from Sedona's

children and any surviving friends in her early twenties as she always intended to write about her great grandmother. Lisa read passages from her new book mentioning many family interactions which gave us a picture of early years in Sedona, Arizona.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Ducharme, Wrangler