

Sedona Westerners General Membership Meeting November 9, 2017

Trail Boss Barbara O'Connor called the meeting to order at 700PM. The minutes of the General Membership Meeting of September 14, 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 who helped at the cookout this year and made it a successful event. Special thanks were given to Phyllis Elliot who helped with Costco shopping and prepared the fruit salad. Acknowledgement was also given to Terri Petrescu who helped set up tables at Posse Ground at 10AM and also soothed a nervous Trail Boss.

Old Business:

Pat Capana reported on the hats. Ball caps: \$26. Sunhats: \$36. There is 1 hiking hat and 5 ball caps left to purchase.

Officer Reports:

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

In the month of October we had income of \$1611 primarily from Member Dues. This was offset by expenses of \$1842 from the majority of which was for the Fall Cookout and a deposit for the upcoming holiday party. This leaves us with a cash balance of \$10,101.

Often in the Fall there are questions about our cash balance. The thing to keep in mind is that at this point in our fiscal year we have received about 75% to 85% of our income (based on membership levels for the last four years). The majority of dues come in during the Fall months. However, at this time we have only incurred 40% of our estimated expenses for the fiscal year. So the cash balance will start to decrease as we move forward, eventually reaching a low of about \$3000 as it did this past summer.

The detailed report is posted to the website with the meeting minutes.

Prospector: Kevin O'Connor Assistant Prospector

Total Membership: 327 members

New	72
Returning	235
Honorary	20

Comparison to previous seasons:

Nov 10, 2016	270 members
Nov 12, 2015	303
Nov 13, 2014	311

Membership paid by credit card: 92%

Membership paid by check: 8%

We would like to thank everyone for their cooperation as we transition to a paperless system. Check payment is being phased out and within the month we will take only online payments (credit cards, debit cards and bank transfers).

Ambler Boss: Pat Capana

Pat thanked leaders and tailgaters: John Freeman, Liz Sweeney, Terri Petrescu, Margaret Nelson, Julie Zabalski, Diane Luce, Pam Smith, Jodie Ball, Kristi McLean, Judy Doloff, Patti Pierce, Linda Schermer, Hassan Hosseini, Mary and Mike McCaffrey, Al and Jean Barton, Cliff Heide, Reba Stone, Annette Thrawl, Toni Coon, Elaine Frank, Karen Cerilli, Pat Priore and Don Kling.

Cactus Dodger Michael McCaffrey

Michael acknowledged both hike leaders and tailgaters: Trish Travis, Dave Kieres, Mike Holmes, Brad Bell, Curt Kommer, Gini O'Brien, Chris Ostrum, Colleen Barkus and Linda Archer.

Dogie Boss: Dave Vanderwater

Dave recognized hike leaders and tailgaters: Don Kling, Jim and Linda Warren, Diane Luce, Jim Kemper, Charlie Schudson, Dave Minott, Mike Holmes, Gini O'Brien, Hassan Hosseini, Annette Pollok, Michael Henry and Ernie Pratt.

Drover Boss: Terri Petrescu

Terri thanked the leaders and tailgaters of her group: Jon Petrescu, Angela Lefevre, Bert McLean, Barbara O'Connor, Jim Warren, Al Abbott, special thanks to Cathy Lutz for scouting and Bob Dannert for cookie making, Dave Vanderwater, Pam Smith, Linda Warren, Trisha Travis and Linda Schermer. Terri also gave kudos to the hikers who stepped in to lead or co lead when there were cancellations. Also, Big Park Overlook was changed to a dual sign in.

Mustang Boss: Jim Kemper

Jim thanked leaders and tailgaters for the Mustang hikes: Dave and Joyce Minott, Curt Kommer, Walter Krywucki, Michael McCaffrey, Colleen Barcus, Dave Kieres, Ernie and Lynn Pratt, Louise and Clint Gelotte, Trisha Travis and Jim Warren.

Rustler Boss: Marj Haas

Since the last month hike leaders were Hassan Hosseini, Scott McFeeley, Liz Sweeney, Jean and Al Barton, Al Abbott, Julie Zabilski, Phyllis Elliot and Pam Smith. They were thanked by Marj for scouting and leading.

Tracker Boss: Ernie Pratt

Ernie reported there has been three Tracker hikes: Snow Bowl via chairlift with hike and talk by a ranger, USGS Astrological Center in Flagstaff which is the facility where mapping of the solar system is done and Loy Canyon where hikers spent 3 hours.

Upcoming tracker events are: Red Mountain and House Mountain led by Wayne Ranney.

Nominating Chair: Jim Warren

The nominating committee was formed and includes: Dave Vanderwater, Terri Petrescu, Tom Yager Pat Capana, Annette Pollok and Jim Warren.

Jim invited any members to come forward who are interested in any of the current Westerner positions.

Roundup Boss: Jeff Fargo

Jeff acknowledged the following people who wrote articles for the Red Rock News: Brad Bell, Curt Kommer, Cliff Heide, Dave Minott, Len Ostrom, Rose Daniels, Terri Petrescu and Nora Hofmans. Alan Gore was also thanked for his quality photos which are printed in the paper along with the article. Jeff did say he appreciates the response for articles but still needs more volunteers to write.

Chuckwagon Boss: David Minott

Dave thanked the many volunteers (too numerous to name), who helped to make the Fall Cookout a success. He also thanked those who brought treats to the November meeting for attendees to enjoy, namely: Al Abbott, Joanne Makielski, Mary McCaffrey, Kris McLean, Gini O'Brien, and Julie Zabilski. A request was made for volunteers to bring treats for the January meeting.

Ranger: Paul Sullivan

Paul advised the membership that the Westerners will host a Trail Maintenance Day for the Forest Service on February 17. The Westerners will provide refreshments. Details and a sign-up sheet will be provided at the January meeting.

Sunbeam: Karen Schudson

1. 10/5 Card sent to Marj Haas and a congratulations for her 50th wedding anniversary.
2. 10/14 Get well card to Dena Greenwood who is battling leukemia.
3. 10/26 Condolences to the family of Dottie Heywood, a long time hiker and skier.
4. 10/27 Get well to Scott McFeely for a fractured elbow.
5. 11/7 Get well to Paul Lindberg who is recuperating at Kachina Rehab for 3 months.
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Cliff Walker: Jon Petrescu

Jon reminded the group of proper etiquette when visiting sensitive sites and also emphasized that no photos of sensitive sites should be published anywhere.

Holiday Party information was given by Barbara. It will be a Luau format at the Village of Oak Creek Country club. Reservations and payments will be done online. Cost is \$20 and the sign up deadline is December 6.

There is a handout for volunteers needed for the Holiday party.

Break

Speaker. Ken Bork

Wagon Boss Tom Yager introduced the speaker, Ken Bork. Ken has a PhD in Paleontology and is very active in OLLI. He has given many presentations and taught courses on a wide range of topics from Chinese Art to dinosaurs to local Geology.

Tonight he gave a presentation entitled *What the Westerners Walk On*, describing the geology and geologic history of the local area. The geology in this area can be divided into three major areas: the Colorado Plateau covering the area from the top of the Mogollon Rim extending north and east, the transition zone (this includes Sedona) covering the area below the plateau and extending to the beginning of the current Sonoran Desert of the Phoenix area, and the Basin which covers the lowland areas from Phoenix south. He began by discussing the ancient tectonics of the area, and the major changes of the Permian events. Essentially all the Red Rock country that we see in this area was created 250-300 million years ago during the Permian Age. This time epoch was prior to the emergence of either dinosaurs or mammals. He presented the differences of sedimentary, igneous, and metamorphic rock and how each contributes to the local geology. He finished off with a detailed cross section the geologic strata of the Verde Valley.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Ducharme, Wrangler

Attachments: Detailed Foreman's Reports