

Sedona Westerners - Executive Committee Meeting
May 12, 2017 Sedona Methodist Church

Members present: Barbara O'Connor, Jim Warren, Helen Ducharme Walter Krywycki, Curt Kommer, Linda Schermer, Michael McCaffrey, Jim Kemper, Marj Hass, Dave Vanderwater, Terri Petrescu, Pat Capanna, Scott McFeely, Velma and Michael Keller, Joyce and Dave Minott, Karen Schudson, Peg Cook, Paul Sullivan, and Jon Petrescu.

The meeting was called to order by Trail Boss Barbara O'Connor at 1:02PM.

Introductions were made by each member along with the appointed office they will hold for the upcoming term.

Board Members:

Trail Boss: Barbara O'Connor

Wagon Boss: Tom Yager

Wrangler: Helen Ducharme

Foreman: Gretchen Yager

Top Hand: Walter Krywycki

Top Hand: Curt Komer

Top Hand: Linda Schermer

Cactus Dodger: Michael McCaffrey

Mustang Boss: Jim Kemper

Rustler Boss: Marj Hass

Dogie Boss: Dave Vanderwater

Drover Boss: Terri Petrescu

Ambler Boss: Pat Capanna

Tracker Boss: Ernie Pratt

Prospector: Clint Gelotte

Chuckwagon Boss: Dave Minott

Appointed Members:

Roundup Boss: Jeff Fargo

Historian: Scott McFeely

Ranger: Paul Sullivan

Lookout: Peg Cook

Cliff-Walker: Jon Petrescu

Point Rider: Velma Keller

Sunbeam: Karen Schudson

The assistants to the hike bosses were announced. A motion was made and accepted for approval of appointed officers.

Trail Boss, Barbara O'Connor announced that the Sedona Westerners would continue to meet every 2nd Thursday evening at 7PM. The new venue will be the Sedona Methodist Church. The hiking season will begin on September 5th. The evening monthly meetings will be Sept 14, Nov 9, Jan 11, Feb 8, March 8, and April 12. The fall (Oct 12) picnic will be held at the park of Possee Grounds where all attendees will be sheltered by ramadas. December party will be on the 14th with the location to be determined. The end of the hiking season will culminate with the spring picnic, May 10.

Membership dues will not be accepted until August 1st and waivers will be done only online. In other words, no paper waivers will be accepted. Dues will continue at \$30 per person for the year membership and will be paid via check or credit card (no longer cash payment).

Officers wishing to have their email linked to our website need to send Velma their emails they wish to use.

Hike Boss Items

Barbara stated that hike bosses or leaders do not need to collect dues and waivers but direct hikers to website. Hikers should not be allowed to hike with group until waiver and dues are obtained.

A handout was passed out to all present re: our compliance for good stewardship on the hiking trails with the USFS. The topics emphasized were group size of the hikes, etiquette regarding sensitive sites such as ruins, off trail hiking and articles written for the Red Rock Newspaper.

The Trail Boss also reminded all hike leaders to slow down their pace so all hikers can enjoy the day and to follow the rules which are read prior to every hike.

We will be having a Hike Leader with Prospector meeting before the beginning of the season, date to be determined.

Michael Holmes was nominated for honorary membership. He joined the Sedona Westerners in 2007. He is an avid race car driver, backpacker and black belt in Karate. Michael quickly became a key contributor to the club by leading hikes and then became Mustang Boss in 2009. This was followed by Rough Rider Hike Boss in 2010 and then Wagon Boss in 2011. He reached the highest level in club as Trail Boss in 2012 and served in 2013 on Board as Immediate Past Trail Boss. He continues to lead hikes for the Westerners and does guiding excursions in Southern Utah and to the Grand Canyon.

Mike has certainly met the criteria for honorary membership. Motion was made and seconded Mike's honorary membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Ducharme