

Solar Outdoors Steering Committee Minutes

February 16, 2021

Meeting called to order at: 7:08 PM

Quorum members present: Debbie Hendrickson, Bill Morse, Carol McCririe, Debbie Zuchlewski, Mike Hobig, Laura Miller, Elaine Granch, Deb Ritter, Stacie Kitchen
Quorum members absent: Doreen Byrne, George Nehasil, Dave Warnecke
Other attendees: Ann Riley-Gawura, Teri Davis, Leslie Cordova

Previous month's meeting minutes reviewed: Elaine moved to accept the minutes of the January 2021 meeting as written. Approved.

President Debbie Hendrickson

Topics for discussion:

- How is everyone's position description reviews going? **It was suggested that wording of position descriptions be as generic as possible.**
- Budget amounts - please have a budget amount in mind so that we can vote on it this meeting.
- Elections: online again this year? And if so, who can help with the technology part. Or do we plan on doing it in person this year? Or, since we are all getting so good with technology do we do both? **Elections will be online this year. Debbie will contact Jennifer Tislerics and Carol Rogers, and request their assistance.**
- Electronic REI gift cards were sent out to the winners of the Annual Photo Contest. We had 32 people that attended the Zoom meeting.

Vice president Doreen Byrne

No report

Secretary Bill Morse

Started, but not completed, written guidelines for the Google group for general membership.

Started review of position description.

Recommend that minutes of SC meetings be shared with general membership, after they're approved. This has been done in the past. Further recommend that we start with the Jan 2021 minutes. **Minutes will be shared with general membership.**

Updated position descriptions should be stored someplace where SC members, and perhaps the general membership, can readily access them. And the same is true for Bylaws and Standing Rules. If Google does not allow this, they could be on the website. Any comments? **Agreed that this data should be in an accessible location.**

Treasurer Carol McCririe

- Our current bank balance is \$13,601.45 and the only activity since last month is - Dues revenue \$80, QB fees of \$25, and Text Magic Fees of \$150.

- I've attached a proposed budget report for your review. The items marked with an asterisk were approved at the January SC meeting. Since our expenses in 2020 were low due to Covid, I included the 2019 expenses from what I would consider a normal year.
- I did not include a budget for VP, Secretary, Bylaws, or Historian as there have not been any expenses in recent years. I also did not include Education as these are generally absorbed by the specific class.

One change was decided for the 2021 budget. The amount for Program/honorarium expenses will be changed from zero to \$400. This will revise the total 2021 budget from \$4,378 to \$4,778.

Laura moved to approve the 2021 budget, as amended, for a total of \$4,778. Approved.

Activities Debbie Zuchlewski

Past Events:

Saturday, January 23, 2021
Challenging Hike on Algoe Lake, Ortonville

Saturday, January 30, 2021
NCT Women's Hike near Cannonsburg, MI

Sunday, January 31, 2021
Challenging Hike at Algoe Lake, Ortonville

Saturday, February 6, 2021
NCT Women's Hike near Rockford, MI

Sunday, February 7, 2021
NCT Women's Hike North of Rockford, MI

Saturday, February 13, 2021
NCT Women's Hike Croton-Newaygo

Sunday, February 14, 2021
NCT Women's Hike Newaygo/White Cloud

Upcoming Events:

Sturgeon Guarding Along the Black River
Wednesday, May 12 - Sunday, May 16, 2021

North Country Trail Trip
Thursday, June 10 - Friday, June 11, 2021
Mackinaw City to just past Sturgeon Bay with a stop at Wilderness State Park

Friday, October 8, 2021 - Sunday, October 10, 2021
Autumn Camping and Hiking Trip
Old US 131 State Forest Campground

Bylaws (vacant)

No report

Education Chair Mike Hobig

Skill Share (education) chair person has had no activity during the past month. No additional input.

Outside of the chair position, the photo contest went off well. Thanks to all that helped and had input to the presentation as well as posting.

Also, Mike provided the SC a draft of his position description update.

Equipment Chair Laura Miller

No repairs made this month. Only equipment checked out this month were snowshoes.

Laura will check with Leslie at a later date to see if there will be a Backpacking class this year.

Historian (vacant)

No report

Membership Elaine Granch

February Membership Report

Membership Numbers (as of February 14, 2021)

<i>Total Family Memberships (units):</i>	78.5
<i>Total Single Memberships:</i>	311
Family Annual (units):	14.5
Family Lifetime (units):	64
Single Lifetime:	239*
Single Annual:	77
<i>Total Members (Listed):</i>	473*

*includes members who have requested to be made inactive (2)

- New members in Jan/Feb: 2 new Single Annual members

ACTION ITEMS:

- Will send current updated roster to Steering Committee before SC meeting (done)
- Will send updated membership form to SC – comments and corrections can be sent via email
- Reviewing Membership job description
- Working on updating handouts for in-person meetings

Programs George Nehasil

Upcoming programs will feature Ati Tislerics in February, and Jeff McWilliams in March. Elections will be in April.

Any suggestions for future programs should be directed to George.

Public Relations Dave Warnecke

No report

Communications Chair Deb Ritter

Deb provided an updated position description to the SC for review.

Webmaster Stacie Kitchen

SC position descriptions, after completion, should be sent to Stacie, via PDF or Word.

Laura and Ann will collaborate on the logo for neck gaiters.

Unfinished Business

SC members should let Debbie H know if they plan to serve next term, if they haven't done so yet.

New Business: None

Next meeting Tue March 23rd, 7 PM, on Zoom

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:00 PM.

Meeting minutes notes taken by Bill Morse