

Solar Outdoors Steering Committee Minutes

March 23, 2021

Meeting called to order at: 7:04 PM

Quorum members present: Debbie Hendrickson, Doreen Byrne, Bill Morse, Carol McCririe, Debbie Zuchlewski, Mike Hobig, Laura Miller, Elaine Granch, Dave Warnecke, Stacie Kitchen
Quorum members absent: George Nehasil, Deb Ritter
Other attendees: Alan Heavner, Phil Crookshank

Previous month's meeting minutes reviewed: Bill moved to accept the minutes of the Feb 2021 meeting as written. Motion carried.

President Debbie Hendrickson

Discussion items:

- vote on storage room fee increase
- elections, who can help with setting up the technical needs and final list of who will be running again this year from the committee. The ones I remember so far as definites are Carol, Stacie and Doreen in their current positions.

Mike moved to approve an additional \$200 to cover the costs of the storage unit this year. Motion carried.

Debbie will talk to Jennifer Tislerics and Carol Rogers about elections.

Vice president Doreen Byrne

No report

Secretary Bill Morse

Drafted written guidelines for the Google group for general membership. Have asked SC members to review.

Still reviewing position description, and will finish soon.

Shared approved January 2021 SC meeting minutes with general membership. Will do the same after Feb 2021 minutes are approved. Also, Bill will send PDFs of approved SC minutes to Stacie, so she can post them on the website.

Where is the "How Solar Works" document found? Elaine will take a look.

Treasurer Carol McCririe

Treasurer report - Cash in bank \$13,593.45. YTD statement of activity attached. Cash will decrease by \$2,200 once SC approves payment of storage.

Without revenue generation, the club will be out of money in three years. Mike will consider ideas for how to generate revenue, and Alan and Carol offered to assist. Also, Stacie knows of a website that is a possibility for fundraising, and will work on this.

Activities Debbie Zuchlewski

Past Activity:

Sunday, March 14
Hike
Proud Lake Recreation Area

Upcoming Activities:

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

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

Friday, October 8 - Sunday, October 10
Autumn Camping and Hiking

There will be a 'Climb Detroit' event happening. Mike will send a note about it.

Bylaws (vacant)

No report

Education Chair Mike Hobig

There is nothing new on the education front that has solidly happened or is solidly planned but there is discussion on the best way to run basic backpacking. There are a lot of good ideas, from taking out small groups so equipment can be optimized, being outside for discussion and skill sharing as well as on the trail training with map and compass. There is a lot to think about: Covid-19, and proper safe way to proceed and inspire confidence in the process.

Equipment Chair Laura Miller

Phil met with Chris Myers on March 9, 2021 to return Solar Outdoors Mountaineering equipment he had been storing at his house because he taught the Mountaineering class.

Class equipment includes: carpet pieces, flat webbing, rope pieces, practice ropes for use only in class training.

Mountaineering equipment: 9 yellow mountaineering backpack which are labeled. Packs must be kept with all the listed equipment inside, and stored where dry.

Each pack contains (label of contents is on the outside of each pack):

50 meter-Dynamic Climbing Rope

150' Tubular Webbing

6 Locking "D" Carabiners

2 Helmets

1 Climbing dayback

2 Carpet Pieces

1 Rattlesnake Park Guidebook (where the classes trained in Canada)

1 Mountaineering Instruction Book

The mountaineering packs are for use for the Solar Outdoors Mountaineering Class and people who are trained, people who passed the mountaineering class and are certified to climb with one or more trained people can use the equipment. The packs are only for mountaineering only not for use as packs for backpacking.

Phil rearranged the equipment storage unit to accommodate the additional equipment.

We are not adding this equipment to the equipment list as it is only for the mountaineering class and certified climbers.

There was discussion about whether we can find a storage place that is less expensive, or get a reduced price at the current location. Debbie H will send Bob Westbrook a note, asking if St. Paul's Presbyterian Church is a possibility for storage. We might pay the current storage place for one month and wait till next month to pay them for the year, if we find no other options.

Historian (vacant)

No report

Membership Elaine Granch

March Membership Report

Membership Numbers

<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 removed from roster (2)

- No new members added since last month.
- Still working on membership materials - will send questions off-line

Elaine has gotten a number of returned post cards, from when they were sent to all members. Carol might be able to provide current contact info.

Programs George Nehasil

Jeff McWilliams will present a program (Caltopo) at the March membership meeting. George will send out a notice.

Public Relations Dave Warnecke

For consideration: What kind of a group are we, as Solar Outdoors? An 'everything' group? (as opposed to groups that have a particular specialty, such as biking)

Communications Chair Deb Ritter

No report

Webmaster Stacie Kitchen

Stacie briefly mentioned what she is doing on the website. Also, Dave will send her slogans that might be applicable when paired with a logo.

Unfinished Business

We need to collectively encourage Solar Outdoors members to serve on the Steering Committee.

New Business

Next meeting Tue Apr 20th, 7 PM, on Zoom

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:14 PM

Meeting minutes notes taken by Bill Morse