

Solar Outdoors Steering Committee Minutes

August 18, 2020

Meeting called to order at: 6:37 PM

Quorum members present: Debbie Hendrickson, Bill Morse, Debbie Zuchlewski, Mike Hobig, Elaine Granch, Stacie Kitchen

Quorum members absent: Doreen Byrne, Carol McCririe, Laura Miller, George Nehasil, Dave Warnecke, Deb Ritter

Other attendees: None

Previous month's meeting minutes looked acceptable but could not be approved due to lack of a quorum

President Debbie Hendrickson

Nothing to report

Vice president Doreen Byrne

We had 32 people attend the virtual Solar meeting in July.

When I was on the Meetup site adding the Zoom info, I changed the verbiage in the "What We're About" and "Monthly Meeting and Program" sections from SOLAR to Solar Outdoors. However, there remain several references to "classes" in these sections. I didn't want to change this without talking to the Steering Committee. Should we go with "learning opportunities" instead? What other suggestions do you have?

Many changes need to be made on Meetup and on the website concerning what Doreen mentions, and the description of the group. For example, Meetup gives the impression that certain activities are happening now, whereas they haven't been offered by members for several years. We discussed having a series of Zoom sessions to make the changes. People within the general membership might want to help with the editing, and a note will be sent to the membership about this.

Secretary Bill Morse

Nothing to report

Treasurer Carol McCririe

Treasurers report - since the last SC meeting, the only treasury activity was the \$25 QuickBooks monthly fee. No other funds came in or went out.

Activities Debbie Zuchlewski

Activities Report:

Past Activities:

Saturday, August 1

Moonlight Paddle

Heavner Canoe/Nature Connection

Monday, August 17

10:00 a.m.

Hike at Maybury State Park

Upcoming Activities

Saturday, September 5

5:15 p.m.

Moonlight Paddle

Heavner Canoe/Nature Connection

Ann Riley-Gawura plans to organize hikes starting in September, and is wondering if she can set them up herself, rather than going thru the Activities chair. This raises a question about who should be able to post their own activities. We talked about this some but need to include more SC members in the discussion to reach a conclusion. Debbie Z will let Ann know we're working this issue.

Bylaws (vacant)

Nothing to report

Education Chair Mike Hobig

I connected with an outside bike / trail ride's event to the club for our members to join if they wanted. I had asked previously if anyone was interested and got a low response so let him organize and he was open for our members to join him.

Alternative terminology to consider:

workshop - instead of class

participant - instead of student

volunteer (or volunteer leader) - instead of teacher

Let's consider changing the name of the Education chair. The first step is that Mike will send a note to Debbie H, who will then send a note to the SC. We can then email among ourselves about what to do, rather than waiting till a meeting. When we come up with a different name, we will take action to change the Bylaws.

Equipment Chair Laura Miller

Equipment report:

Solar equipment is available for checking out. I have made repairs to one Big Agnes Copper Spur UL 2-person tent and waterproofed another one. A few people requested the Big Agnes Copper Spur UL1 person tent but it was checked out so they checked out the 2-person tent. I am thinking we may want to order 2-4 new 1 person tents since with Covid that is what people are requesting and it would reduce the wear and tear on our 2 person tents. Any thoughts?

Needs discussion with more SC members. Keep in mind that the ability to use club equipment is part of what makes Solar unique.

Historian (vacant)

Nothing to report

Membership Elaine Granch

Nothing new to report.

Did not have a chance to update membership form but will get to that this month.

Programs George Nehasil

August membership meeting program

George will have a presentation this month on a trip he took.

Upcoming picnic

The picnic is on, despite Covid-19. We will keep the shelter that we've rented. The club will not be providing food or beverage, though participants may bring their own. People may engage in small-group activities (hiking, biking, etc) on their own. We will not put up signs. Info will be sent out on details and restrictions, and Debbie H will work on the wording for this.

Public Relations Dave Warnecke

Nothing to report.

Communications Chair Deb Ritter

Nothing to report

Webmaster Stacie Kitchen

Webmaster report:

- 1) No new memberships and visitors to the website for the month of July 2020. Instagram - nothing to report.
- 2) Updating Website - Still updating (not as easy as I thought) pages, information off the website (doing changes offline before uploading to web host).
- 3) Logo - hasn't been approved yet.

Stacie provided logo and T-shirt concepts for review.

The concepts Stacie provided were well-received, and a few suggestions were offered. (Those who did not get to express their thoughts at the meeting can contact Stacie to let her know.)

The concepts list 1975 as the year that Solar started. Bill will check if that date is correct.

Instagram is not being used much. Let's change that! Stacie will send directions to the SC on how to use it.

Stacie's comments on the website: Many plug-ins are not running...It might be easier to delete the site and start with something new...Using a PayPal account that links to the site is a possibility.

We may want to consider moving the start time for future SC meetings, as Stacie's work schedule will have her working until 7 PM on weekdays.

Unfinished Business

New Business

Next meeting Tue Sep 22nd

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:54 PM

Meeting minutes notes taken by Bill Morse