

Solar Outdoors Steering Committee Minutes

July 21, 2020

Meeting called to order at: 6:32 PM

Quorum members present: Doreen Byrne, Bill Morse, Debbie Zuchlewski, Mike Hobig, Elaine Granch, George Nehasil, Deb Ritter

Quorum members absent: Debbie Hendrickson, Carol McCririe, Laura Miller, Dave Warnecke, Stacie Kitchen

Other attendees: Jennifer Tislerics, Ann Riley-Gawura, Alan Heavner

Previous month's meeting minutes reviewed: Elaine moved to approve the minutes. Approved.

President Debbie Hendrickson

Nothing to report

Vice president Doreen Byrne

Doreen mentioned that 25 people viewed Mike's presentation during last month's membership meeting.

Secretary Bill Morse

Carol Rogers and Jennifer Tislerics have been updating steering committee Yahoo and Google group address lists.

Google/Yahoo: Do we need to use both? Google Groups was introduced in recent years as an alternative when Yahoo was discontinuing some of its services. The development of community groups within our website will be the long-term fix, rather than Google. Bill said that he prefers to use either Yahoo or Google to communicate with the steering committee, rather than both. He will use Yahoo.

Treasurer Carol McCririe

Attached please find the financial statements through July 16th.

On the Statement of Financial Position - the cash is reconciled through 7/15 and the prepaid expenses include the last month rent paid to the church (\$75) to be applied when we return and \$150 for the September picnic.

On the Statement of Activity - most everything is self-explanatory. The rent expense includes the storage rent for an entire year and the Professional Fees includes the amount paid to Pixsie. Please let me know if there are other questions.

Also attached is the updated deposit and reimbursement form. This is primarily for use by Debbie, Mike, and Elaine - it is a spreadsheet that you can forward to trip leaders and class instructors. Please destroy all prior versions of same. It is my understanding that all forms will be turned in to Mike and Debbie to sign the approval section after completion by the aforementioned individuals. For other general reimbursements (web, supplies, etc) it is my understanding that the President signs off the approval for these unless previously approved by the SC. I will work on a way to track these approvals and budgets moving forward.

Last, George, I've attached the reservation form for Solar's September picnic.

Just a reminder that I am on vacation and will not be in attendance for our meeting.

Please email any questions.

Activities Debbie Zuchlewski

Past Activities

Saturday, July 4, 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Full Moon Canoe/Kayak Paddle
Heavner Canoe

Future Activities

Saturday, August 1, 6:15 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Full Moon Canoe/Kayak Paddle
Heavner Canoe

Alan thanked Solar Outdoors, particularly Margaret Martin, for helping to create the Moonlight Paddle event, and for its continuing support for 20+ years. This year's events have been drawing 60-70 people. Also, he is currently unable to let people ride in his vans, due to the pandemic. And, he invites Solar members to be part of his Nature Connection program

Mike said that he had completed a Lake Huron kayaking event.

Bylaws (vacant)

Nothing to report

Education Chair Mike Hobig

No new learning events for this month.

Hope to work with Laura James on a virtual / actual garden design learning event but need to get support information from her. May dovetail with other plant people. Have had some interest from Peg Campbell and would hope to rope in Rose Atillio for more plant knowledge.

In the spirit of calling classes "learning event" and students "participants", I move to change Education Chair to "Learning Events Coordination and Development Chair Person"

Steering committee needs to consider what name to use.

Equipment Chair Laura Miller

Equipment Report:

Equipment is being checked out and returned.

A Celestron Firstscope 80EQ Refracting Telescope, Item #21070 was donated by Alan Calunas. He reports: It's a quality piece and described as easy-to-use, reliable, and requiring little or no maintenance. The tube is 36" long, 3-4" in diameter, and the total system weighs 24 lbs. I have not had a chance to set it up to see how it works yet.

Historian (vacant)

Nothing to report

Membership Elaine Granch

Membership form needs to be updated (still says SOLAR)

Programs George Nehasil

Ann will do a presentation on the Pembrokeshire Coast Path at this month's membership meeting. Doreen will set it up on Meetup, which will allow it to appear on the calendar. Deb R will post this on Facebook.

Ideas were mentioned for consideration for the August meeting: Short 'open mic' presentations...campfire stories...'Where have you been?'...some individuals within the group were suggested.

Public Relations Dave Warnecke

Nothing to report.

Communications Chair Deb Ritter

Nothing to report

Webmaster Stacie Kitchen

Stacie couldn't make the meeting but sent an email to the committee with logos to review.

Unfinished Business

New Business

Jennifer mentioned receiving positive feedback about the text notifications sent to members, but we are over the pre-approved budget by \$10. MOTION: Jennifer moved that we spend up to \$200 for text messaging for the rest of the year. Elaine seconded. Motion approved.

Ann commented that it could be helpful for the group to have regularly scheduled hikes. Suggestions were offered about what to do, including posting on Facebook to see if people are interested.

George asked if we know how many people signed in to last month's presentation, and who they are. The answer is that we know how many, but not who.

Bill mentioned that the Meetup announcement for steering committee meetings is outdated, as it says nothing about virtual meetings, and suggested more advance notice to members about upcoming meetings. Doreen will update the Meetup announcement, and Bill, as Secretary, will notify the general membership a week ahead of time of upcoming meetings.

Next meeting Aug 18 6:30 PM, via Zoom

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:22 PM

Meeting minutes notes taken by Bill Morse