

# Solar Outdoors Steering Committee Minutes

## June 23, 2020

Meeting called to order at: 6:33 PM

**Quorum members present:** Bill Morse, Carol McCririe, Debbie Zuchlewski, Mike Hobig, Laura Miller, Elaine Granch, Dave Warnecke, Deb Ritter, Stacie Kitchen

**Quorum members absent:** Debbie Hendrickson, Doreen Byrne, George Nehasil

**Other attendees:**

Previous month's meeting minutes reviewed: They did not mention the appointment of Elaine Granch as Membership Chair, so will be amended. Bill moved to approve the minutes as amended. Approved.

### **President Debbie Hendrickson**

I believe we can start posting activities now as long as they fall within state guidelines.

This will be my last communication until July.

Mike and Bill are taking care of running the SC meeting and Doreen is running the General Membership meeting. Thank you all for covering for me.

### **Vice president Doreen Byrne**

Needs to know who wants mic time at the General Membership meeting.

She expects to post an announcement on the club's Yahoo group about the General Membership meeting, and will include the Zoom link.

### **Secretary Bill Morse**

Attempting to update various SC addressee lists (such as Yahoo, Google). Carol Rogers has been assisting.

### **Treasurer Carol McCririe**

Bank balance on 6/16 is \$14,361.59. There has not been much activity since our last meeting - we received the Michigan refund for the cancellation of the picnic, paid out for the new picnic date, paid for the domain renewal, and the monthly QB fee. All of the refunds for Hocking Hills have been made and the refunds processed (these were in last month's report.) I am out of town but will try to send a P&L before the meeting.

### **Activities Debbie Zuchlewski**

There are currently no activities on the calendar.

Per Governor Whitmer's Executive Order of June 1, 2020, I would like to send out the following e-mail to Solar Outdoors members regarding the posting of activities through Solar Outdoors. **Any input would be appreciated.**

Dear Solar Outdoors Members:

We are happy to report that Solar Outdoors will resume advertising members' activities that comply with Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-110 (COVID-19) (June 1, 2020). Governor Whitmer's Order 2020-110 reads in part:

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4. Any individual who leaves his or her home or place of residence must:
  - a. . . .remaining at least six feet from people from outside the individual's household to the extent feasible under the circumstances.
  - b. Wear a face covering over his or her nose and mouth. . .
5. Indoor social gatherings and events among persons not part of a single household are permitted, but may not exceed 10 people.
6. Outdoor social gatherings and events among persons not part of a single household are permitted, but only to the extent that:
  - a. The gathering or event does not exceed 100 people, and
  - b. People not part of the same household maintain six feet of distance from one another...

If you would like to read Executive Order 2020-110 in it's entirety, please see the Official Website of Michigan.Gov.

As always, it is up to each Solar Outdoors member to decide if they would like to invite other members to participate with them in activities. It is also up to each member to decide which activities they are comfortable participating in.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to schedule an event or activity to be advertised through the Solar Outdoors club.

**A couple suggestions were made for Debbie to include in her note to the group (CDC guidance on wearing mask, out of state activities).**

### **Bylaws (vacant)**

Nothing to report

### **Education Chair Mike Hobig**

I had some folks by my yard and garden and talked to Laura James who at one time had been in a SOLAR garden group and had done a class on garden and planting tips. I am a big fan of design and with her class material I may form an on line gardening class, with a yard component, perhaps several where we talk about different design formats and what can be done to visualize and methods to work toward completing your plans. This would initial help from someone to help coordinate/host Zoom portion and it would be necessary to build up the class format.

We will be working on something like:

#### Gardening Design and Methods:

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| With on line sessions and support material               | (one or two meetings)     |
| Garden visitation times.                                 | (TBD one or two times)    |
| Question and Answer session.                             | (ongoing)                 |
| Garden layout using your computer and google earth maps. | (during on line sessions) |
| Formal Gardens vs Casual Native.                         | (ongoing throughout)      |
| Reference examples.                                      | (Books and gardens)       |

Design time with Mike	(TBD, thought starters 1:1 virtual meetings for your yard)
Pot and Container gardens.	(alternates for just starting out or for limited space)
Possible plant exchange.	(TBD)

I have also been working on updating the welcome board, slow but sure, went through the Solar web picture and asked for a quote from Fed Ex on printing and mounting, very minimal. Also stripped board and am working on a re-arrange panels by season and skills examples. I hope to have it done by the time we physically meet again but it is going slow and is taking up floor and table space.

### **Equipment Chair Laura Miller**

No new equipment has been checked out. I have contacted the people that had equipment checked out at the start of covid-19 to get it returned. People have started requesting to borrow equipment in July and I will be coordinating with them to pick it up.

### **Historian (vacant)**

Nothing to report

### **Membership Elaine Granch**

Some people are pending on Meetup. Should a link to the General Membership meeting be sent to them? This was discussed. Elaine will tell them that if they want to attend, let her know, and she'll send a link.

Elaine will be sending out a roster soon.

### **Programs George Nehasil**

This month's General Membership meeting

### **Public Relations Dave Warnecke**

Nothing to report.

### **Communications Chair Deb Ritter**

Nothing to report

### **Webmaster Stacie Kitchen**

I don't have anything major to report as the webmaster (as in the website). However, I had created an Instagram acct and working on a new logo concept for the committee to review.

Need a bio and photo, updated or added, for the following members: Carol, Debbie Z, Elaine, George.

Menu updates: Would like to either merge some pages or have a dropdown menu with more of the categories.

Example:

- 1) Home
- 2) About > Committee > Membership > Classes and Activities
- 3) Calendar
- 4) Club Gear
- 5) SOLAR Blog > Current > Past Ray Newsletters
- 6) Login

Website addition: Should we mention on the website about Social Distancing and Face Masks while attending our events/activities? This was discussed, and decision is to not do this now.

Committee e-mails: Send to [smk4980@me.com](mailto:smk4980@me.com) all your personal emails so website can be updated on the Committee About page.

Social media: Looking for Activities/Events past and current photos to post on Instagram, and show what Solar Outdoors is all about.

- **Instagram Name: solar\_outdoors**

## **Unfinished Business**

## **New Business**

**Next meeting July 21, 6:30 PM Virtual**

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:22 PM

Meeting minutes notes taken by Bill Morse