

Solar Outdoors

Steering Committee Minutes

April 20, 2021



Meeting called to order at: 7:05 pm

Quorum members present: Debbie Hendrickson, Doreen Byrne, Carol McCririe, Debbie Zuchlewski, Laura Miller, Elaine Granch, Dave Warnecke, George Nehasil, Deb Ritter, Stacie Kitchen

Quorum members absent: Bill Morse, Mike Hobig

Other attendees: Jennifer Tislerics, Carol Rogers

Previous month's meeting minutes reviewed: Carol McCririe moved to approve the March 23, 2021 minutes. It was seconded, no discussion and voted to approved by all.

President Debbie Hendrickson

Election voting will begin less than one week from now.

Please continue your efforts to get the word out for new SC members.

Topics of discussion:

- Getting ready for the Elections: Google form ballot is ready, then will be opened for voting. Asked if there are any questions. No questions. Current Steering Committee member term ends at the May Steering Committee meeting.
- Outgoing Chairpersons, updated 'job descriptions': Reminder to those who haven't done it yet to update the wording and any other changes.
- My personal ask..... "What can we do better?"; "What would make your job easier on the Steering Committee"? Skipped for interest of time.
- Annual picnic in June, need to pick a date to send out save the date: Discussion about when to have it in June. Carol McCririe reserved it last year and shared how to make a reservation for George to reserve the pavilion this year for Sunday, June 27, 2021 starting at 11 am to 3 pm at the Bluebird Pavilion at Island Lake State Recreation Area following covid precautions of bringing your own food, physical distancing and wearing a mask. Cost is \$140 to make the reservation. Laura moved to spend \$140 which was seconded. Discussion was to approve \$150 for the pavilion rent. Motion denied because already in the budget.
- April meeting presenter is Maggie Gremore from Holland, Michigan will be presenting her float down the entire 740-mile length of the Northern Forest Canoe Trail. Debbie asked George to post on Meetup and Debbie R. to post on Facebook.

Vice president Doreen Byrne

No report

Secretary Bill Morse

From the March minutes: [We will have to contact Bill when he is well.](#)

- Drafted written guidelines for the Google group for general membership. Have asked SC members to review. [Need to check where Bill is on this.](#)
- Still reviewing position description, and will finish soon. [Need to check where Bill is on this.](#)
- 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. Need to check where Bill is on this.](#)
- [Where is the "How Solar Works" document found? Elaine will take a look. Carol McCririe has a revised copy and an outdated copy.](#)

Treasurer Carol McCririe

- As of today (4/19/2021), bank account is \$13,537.51.
- Attached is the year to date Statement of Activity through 4/19/21.
- Expenses incurred since last month –
- QB monthly fee \$25
- Meetup.com six-month renewal \$89.94
- Storage Sense: \$1,932 - there is some confusion as to the period covered. Phil spoke with them and they agreed to not raise the fee; however, when we received the invoice, it only indicates rental through 2/27/22 (11 months). Phil and I spoke and I am not sure if he has reached out to them or not. I got swept up in tax deadlines and have not had a chance to follow up on this. [Carol needs to touch base with Phil to see where we are on this.](#)

Activities Debbie Zuchlewski

Past Activities:

- Saturday, April 3
Hike, Bald Mountain Rec Area
- Saturday, April 10
Hike, Holly Recreation Area
- Tuesday, April 13
Bicycling at Stony Creek Metropark
- Wednesday, April 14
Hike at Independence Oaks County Park
- Friday, April 16
Bicycling along Clinton River Trail starting at Dodge Park
- Sunday, April 18
Hike at Proud Lake

Upcoming Activities:

- Wednesday - Sunday, May 12 - 16
Sturgeon Guarding Along the Black River
- Thursday - Friday, June 10 - 11
Backpacking North Country Trail
Mackinaw City to just past Sturgeon Bay
- Friday - Sunday, October 8 - 10
Autumn Camping and Hiking
Old U.S. 131 State Forest Campground

Bylaws (vacant)

No report

Education Chair Mike Hobig

No report

Equipment Chair Laura Miller

Members continue to check out equipment.

No equipment repairs this month.

Updated documents:

- Equipment Chairperson description
- Equipment Use Group Form
- Equipment Gear list
- Still working on Equipment Use Form

Historian (vacant)

No report

Membership Elaine Granch

2 new members added in April

Membership Numbers

Total Family Memberships (units): 78.5

Total Single Memberships: 313

Family Annual (units): 14.5

Family Lifetime (units): 64

Single Lifetime: 239

Single Annual: 79

Total Members (Listed): 475

Elaine updated the membership form and membership chairperson description.

She needs to check on Meetup for membership requests.

Programs George Nehasil

April 2021 Solar Outdoors General Membership meeting is Maggie Gremore from Holland, Michigan will be presenting her float down the entire 740-mile length of the Northern Forest Canoe Trail. [Maggie has given permission in email to Debbie Hendrickson for recording the presentation.](#)

May 2021 Solar Outdoors General Membership meeting is Larry Ripari is presenting on his hike of the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT).

Discussion about how to record, get permission from presenter and how to post it. Debbie recorded last month's Topo Map presentation, needs to check with Jeff McWilliams for permission to post, then needs figure out how to upload for others to view in Solar Outdoors Google Drive or on Facebook. Reminder that we need to get permission from the presenter for the virtual live stream and recording it.

Public Relations Dave Warnecke

No report

Communications Chair Deb Ritter

- Nothing new for communications.
- Posted information on elections, upcoming activities and a repeat post from 2018.
- Will be asking for information about the Sturgeon guarding to post.

Webmaster Stacie Kitchen

- No new news as the Webmaster.
- Final Solar Outdoor logos sent by email in color and black/white in PDF, Jpeg, and PNG.
- Stacie is working on apparel for club. She is looking at the companies' others have shared and trying to find some options with people order what they want individually. Stacie had heard not good results from Not My Locker. Carol Rogers suggested Land End's Business which her company uses and she likes it. Jennifer Tislerics company uses this company too. Solar could limit the colors and items available for purchase. Stacie is trying to keep people on our website when they are ordering but will look into it further.

Unfinished Business

New Business

Ideas discussed:

- Laura suggested an outdoor movie night.
- Outdoor meeting night on a Tuesday night at a park.
- George said Island Lake State Recreation Park is open until 10 pm.
- Where should the meeting be if we hold it outdoors for June, July and August? Should we do it by near St. Paul, Rotary Park or rotate to different locations for members in different areas or Heritage Park? Do we want to have the picnic in June and a general membership meeting?

Next meeting

- May 18, 2021 at 7 pm

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:21 pm.

Meeting minutes notes taken by Laura Miller.