

Solar Outdoors

Steering Committee Minutes

Date: 9/21/2021

Meeting called to order at: 7:05 pm



Note: Agenda is in regular font

Italic writing is additional information at the meeting

Quorum members present: Debbie Hendrickson, Laura Miller, David Warnecke, Bob Tacy, Elaine Granch, Karen Haroutunian, Leslie Cordova, Krisanne Schmidt, Carol McCririe. Doreen Byrne, Stacie Kitchen, came late Glenn Beard

Others present: came late Jennifer Tislerics

Absent: Anandhi Chandran, Phil Crookshank

Minutes approved for August: A proposal made by Elaine and seconded by Dave to approve the August minutes. Voted will all present approving.

President Debbie Hendrickson

- Nothing new to report

Vice president Doreen Byrne

- Thirty-six people attended August's General membership meeting. Everyone was masked but 2 people did not wear masks to the meeting last month.

Secretary Laura Miller

- *August Steering Committee meeting minutes and agenda for September Steering Committee Agenda sent Tuesday morning.*

Treasurer Carol McCririe

- Bank balance is \$11,325.91.
- *Expenses \$25 for QuickBooks, rent for meeting space at church and sleep pad reimbursement to Phil.*
- *Shared the expense report by email.*

Activities Krisanne Schmidt

- *Discussion about events being full when posted on Meetup. Should we be charging extra for the costs the club has for Meetup or to give the club some money from events the club are doing. Having trip posted even if full will show the club having activities. What policies do we want to have in place for developing trips, going through the club and posting on Meetup? How can we make it easy to hold activities and support the club? Need to clearly define the process. Plan to have time next to meeting to finalize the process.*

Past Activities:

- Art Walk Aug.31 in Redford hosted by Mike Hobig and Laura Miller.

Upcoming Activities:

- Art Walk Oct. 2 in Chesterfield Township hosted by Mike Hobig
- Lake Ann trip Martin Luther King Weekend Jan. 2022- full with wait list. There may be an alternate option.

Bylaws Leslie Cordova

- No report

Education Chair Anandhi Chandran

- *Not at meeting or sent report*

Equipment Chair Phil Crookshank

- I received the replacement of the Big Agnes Sleeping Pad, I.D.d it, put it in our gear room, Also added a certified repair kit for it. The long pole that holds all the backpacks up, had gotten hard to get things off of it, so I went through all the records, pulled out 4 packs that had not seen use in 8? years, donated them to a Girl Scout group - that I know the Pack Leader. Of course, the groups have merged - but I'm not asking how wise this is - - - . We did add some of the items donated by Bill Morse family, and I added those to the equipment list, the list has been brought up to today, I will attach it, and Stacie - could you put it on the website, and remove the one from July.? Thank you Stacie.
- Last Item - for the end of September program at the church - I will be driving west, and am requesting Ati Tislerics, and Doreen Bryne to pick up from Storage Sense - the 2 SOLAR yard signs, Projection Screen, Projector, Sound System, Microphone box, and all I forgot to mention. Mike Hobig has helped to set it all up before, and Dave and Bob both - you know - are capable of getting a show going, in spite of issues. *Ati and Doreen to get equipment for meeting.*
- Last item- (really) Krisanne will be bringing SOME of the workshop gear back - to the end of September meeting. Ati, and Doreen, could you also collect that gear from her, and deposit it in the gear room when you put the rest of the equipment away? *Ati and Doreen to get returned equipment at meeting.*

Historian Karen Haroutunian

- No report

Membership Elaine Granch

- Membership stands at 479 total members.

Programs Glenn Beard

- No report
- *No one scheduled to date to present at Sept. meeting. He has some people scheduled for the upcoming months. He has been sick and not been able to contact anyone.*
- *Karen suggested Chuck and Shelia's boat trip from this summer. Karen will contact them and ask if they can present. Karen will let steering committee know their response and Dave will support them with computer etc. Or an open mic night. Or history of Solar past events.*

Public Relations Bob Tacy

Discussion regarding:

- Distributing the business cards. *Discussed how to promote them and be more proactive with the members taking the business cards to share with others when out about. Ask people pin up at community bulletin boards and carry them when they are out. Talked about a flyer to post at REI, Moosejaw, etc.*
- Gathering pre-built trip plans to make it easier for people to plan an outing. *Developing a file of trip plans for others to use as a starting off place. Look at posting it on the website in a member area. Discussed using Google drive more to putting documents.*
- Obtaining permission to tag people on Facebook to extend the reach of our posts. *When you tag someone, then it shows up on their Facebook feed to get the information out to more people. Make sure to ask permission before tagging someone. Share it with someone who might be interested in the event.*

Communications Chair Dave Warnecke

- *No report*

Webmaster Stacie Kitchen

- Currently updating the membership and equipment forms on current website on 9/20/2021.
- *Continuing to work on getting the new website transferred over next month.*
- *Stacie asked about the information. Carol sent information for the memorials. Carol will resend when she returns from her trip in early Oct.*

Unfinished Business

- Carried over from July to August to Sept.: Debbie asked committee about the apparel and Solar making money about this. Please think about this and to discuss at a future meeting. Postponed to the August meeting. From August meeting: Discussion about if Solar needs to make money from ordering merchandise. Tabled for future meeting when Stacie present to give more information and to provide more information at a meeting. Dave shared information about My Locker with a 12% back to club.
- *September meeting: Stacie offered to do a bulk order with people placing orders for the type of shirt with logo and then sent to person. She is getting busy to look at options. Café press mentioned as an option but it takes them away from our Solar Outdoors website. Dave offered to work with Bob about researching more options. Ask what kind of file do they need? What materials are they using, the quality of the merchandize? Stacie would welcome the help. Maybe do a poll of what people want?*

New Business

- Mark Mirzoian brought a dog to the church and it was not even on a leash. I heard a lot of comments asking if dogs were allowed. We should probably discuss. I am assuming the church did not notice the dog come in. It is not a service dog plus I don't think it is even Marks dog. We don't want to start a trend plus it seemed an inappropriate place. *Discussion about at previous meeting location dogs were allowed and then board voted not to allow dogs at meeting. Steering Committee agreed no dogs at meeting. Leslie to call Mark and the club will let people know that pets are not allowed at meeting unless a service dog.*

Next meeting

Oct. 19 at 7 pm

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:27 pm.

Meeting minutes notes taken by Laura Miller.