

Solar Outdoors

Steering Committee Minutes

Date: June 22, 2021



Meeting called to order at: 7:03 pm

Quorum members present: Laura Miller, Elaine Granch,

Leslie Cordova, Phil Crookshank, Carol McCririe, Karen Haroutunian, David Warneke, Krisanne Schmidt, Glenn Beard, Anandhi Chandran

Others present: Jenn Tislerics

Absent: Stacie Kitchen, Debbie Hendrickson, Doreen Byrne

Note: Agenda is in regular font and *Italic writing is additional information at the meeting.*

May 18, 2021 meeting minutes approved by those present.

President Debbie Hendrickson

- Annual picnic Sunday, June 27 at Island Lake Rec. Area at the Bluebird shelter
 - *charcoal, lighter fluid by Glenn and signs/banner brought by Phil*
 - *who will lead the moment of silence before lunch: Glenn*
- Increase in texting service: *Jenn requested another \$200 for texting service for the rest of the year, motion presented and 2nded, approved by all present.*
- In-person meeting for *July 27, church is meeting on July 13 and we will have more information on the 14th.*
- ALL MEMBERS - new and returning, please send me your updated contact info, the phone number and email address you want us to use to get a hold of you. This will be for SC use only.
- No regularly scheduled monthly membership meeting for June.

Vice president Doreen Byrne

- *Did not send report or attend steering committee meeting*

Secretary Laura Miller

- May minutes sent with this month's agenda for approval at meeting.

Treasurer Carol McCririe

- Cash in the bank is \$11,569.51.
- Statement of Activity sent to steering committee meeting members with agenda.
- *Paid for both old and new domain names for this year.*

Activities Krisanne Schmidt

Bonnie Michalak posts about 1 hike a week. We need to encourage others to post hikes. We need to get SOLAR active again and on peoples' radar.

Past activities:

- Sturgeon Guarding Along the Black River
- NCT Hike -June 10 led by Mike Hobig (not sure if this went forward)

Upcoming activities:

- June 26 – Moonlight Paddle (Jeff Entenkrin)
- June 27 – Picnic
- July 2-5 – Backpacking trip to Shawnee Trail – Ohio – Dave W. 1 spot open
- Oct. 8-10 – Autumn Camping and Hiking Trip to Fife Lake (Ann Riley-Gawura)

Bylaws Leslie Cordova

- No Report

Education Chair Anandhi Chandran

- I would like to get the committee's ideas and opinions on restarting in-person backpacking beginner and intermediate classes this year.
- If in-person classes are a go-decision, my plan is to reach out to members to coordinate other classes: land navigation, survival and other past classes etc.
- I also want to discuss the possibility of non-member teaching classes from say Michigan Backcountry search and rescue association and interest thereof.

Equipment Chair Phil Crookshank

- *Still getting equipment organized with Laura and update the equipment list for website.*

Historian Karen Haroutunian

- No report

Membership Elaine Granch

June Membership Report

Total Family Memberships (units): 79.5

Total Single Memberships 315

Family Annual (units): 15.5

Family Lifetime (units): 64

Single Lifetime: 236

Single Annual: 79

***Total Members (Listed):* 474**

- 1 Family membership was added in the past month.
- Had request from Larry Ripari to join Meet-up. Would like SC to vote on giving Larry an honorary membership. *Discussion about doing this, motion presented and 2nded, approved by all present.*
- Will send Stacie updated Membership form to upload to web-page.
- Working on updated materials (about Meet-up, Google group, and text messaging) - documents will be needed for in-person meetings in July.

Programs Glenn Beard

- *Glenn to welcome guests to the picnic, name tags, and announce new name.*

Public Relations (Vacant)

Communications Chair Dave Warnecke

- *High Country Pathway trip writing a blog for Facebook.*

Webmaster Stacie Kitchen

- Added new committee names to website (current and new) + updated a few forms and sections.

Unfinished Business

- *Need to check that Google Groups is sending emails to the new steering committee members for example to equipment chair, Dave to update Google Groups.*
- 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 July meeting.*
- Anandhi asked about documents and where we are storing them, suggested using Google Drive with a generic email linked to it. To discuss at June meeting and copy to Stacie for website. Start thinking about history of club for next anniversary/long term storage because we lost three members this year: Harry Price, Bill Morse, Peggy (Medved) Devos. *Postponed to the July meeting when Stacie is able to attend.*
- Phil said we need to start promoting Solar Outdoors club. He saw lots of pictures of trip of women recently on Facebook or Instagram that we could start posting on our club website. You can post on the page and then administrators need to approve the post before it is open to public posting. Dave will talk to Jennifer T and see how it works. He will report back at June meeting. *Send to Dave to post.*
- Discussion via email about returning in person meeting after Carol talks with church about access and the share at June meeting. *Carol reported and is documented president's report*

New Business

- Email: Hi there, I am Julian Epstein and I joined Solar a long while back. I would like to attend a meeting and do a hike with you guys. When is the next meeting? Also, how do I sign up for the hikes in July? Please respond to Julian at jeeps14k@gmail.com *Elaine to respond to email about watching meet up for posts and for texts updates about the club.*
- Since we have a new name and logo are we going to order new business cards, flyers, signage, etc. *To discuss when we begin meeting in person*
- *Laura Miller is not available for the July 27 steering committee meeting. Carol McCririe will make the agenda and take minutes. Laura to send Carol a template for the agenda/minutes.*
- *Glenn asked about changing the steering committee meeting two weeks before the club meeting. Leslie reported the bylaws would need to be changed. To discuss at a future meeting.*
- *Discussion about have July meeting being a social gathering to get to know each other again vs. a speaker. Steering committee agreed to this. Phil to bring masks to meeting if anyone who may want one.*

Next Steering Committee meeting

- July 20 at 7 pm

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:55 pm

Meeting minutes notes taken by Laura Miller.