

# Solar Outdoors

## Steering Committee Minutes

Date: 1/24/2023

Meeting called to order at: 7:04 pm

Note: Agenda is in regular font

*Italic writing is additional information at the meeting*



**Quorum members present:** Mike Hobig, Laura Miller, Dana Buxton, Jon Swingle, David Warneke, Karen Haroutunian, Krisanna Schmidt, Bob Tacy, Phil Crookshank, Stacie Kitchen

**Others present:**

**Absent:** Carol McCrie

**Minutes approved** by all present.

### President Mike Hobig

- I would like to see a meeting reminder sent out; it has been a long time since our last meetings, for both SC and Membership with program info.
- I do not have Zoom or WebEx available to me that I know of, I could research to find out options for this but thought we had some SC members that had options available to them, if you do, please let us know.
- I will not be available for the June 13th SC meeting, **not on 13 on June 20th**
- I will be unavailable for May 23rd or 30th meetings, VP or other to conduct, I can have a call prior to coordinate particulars if needed.
- October 31st is the last Tuesday of the month, Halloween, not a good night for a general Membership meeting. I suggest that we schedule an off-site meeting; this along with the June picnic and end of the year party could help programs and reserving fewer speakers. Perhaps we could do a trivia night mid-month, flexible night but also our SC meeting be rescheduled prior to support any loose ends. *Last time, Halloween was on Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>, the meeting was moved up a week. Question asked if the next steering committee to decide? We will wait on this decision.*
- Thank you all for your help and support.
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### Vice President David Warnecke

- No report

### Secretary Laura Miller

- Call for reports and agenda email on Monday afternoon with attachments from membership, about text magic, speaker list, Nov. minutes. *Updated agenda sent out Tuesday afternoon with treasurer report and attachments as well additional report information from SC.*

### Treasurer Jon Swingle

- Cash in the bank as of 12/31/2022 is \$12,591.94.
- Statement of Activity for January - December 2022-see attached
- Statement of Financial Position as of December 31, 2022-see attached

- 2022 Budget v. Actual and proposed 2023 Budget-see attached
- *Jon reviewed the 2023 Budget and a couple of changes with approved by all present.*

## **Activities Krisanne Schmidt**

### **Past activities:**

- Day Hikes (Huron Meadows, Kensington, Maybury, Belle Isle)
- Lake Ann Trip

### **Upcoming activities:**

- Day Hikes
- Beginner Friendly Ice Climbing (Feb 2023)
- Ice Caves, Ice Climbing & X-Country Skiing Winter Weekend (Feb 2023)
- Pictured Rocks Thru Hike (June 2023)
- *Krisanne hopes for more activities being scheduled.*

## **Bylaws Open**

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## **Education Carol McCrie**

- I will not be at the meeting but can be reached by text if anyone has questions.
- Beginning Backpacking Workshop is on target for April with a final practical in May.
- In conjunction with the BP workshop, I have tentatively schedule a backcountry cooking workshop for April 27th . I will be announcing this at the meeting.
- I have spoken with Eric Braun about teaching a bike maintenance and mountain biking workshop. This would probably be sometime in in mid-May to early June. Depending on the him, we may do an interest sign up at the meeting.\
- I have reached out to Jeff McWilliams about the Basic Land Nav class. He and Tim Davis taught this in Spring 2022. With all of the above happening in the Spring, he is thinking of a fall class. Since the class lost \$\$ in 2022, I told him I wanted to see a budget before pricing the class.
- I have a couple other things in the works but nothing is set in stone and additional workshops would probably be in the fall.
- Dave Warnecke and Bob Tacy taught the Intermediate BP Workshop last year in the Spring, and as of an email yesterday, they may teach it again but in the fall.

## **Equipment Chair Phil Crookshank**

- Did you get the laptop you brought last meeting - re-done so it can be in the equipment room, and brought to each meeting, ready to fit with whatever our speakers have, that they bring? We now have 4 adapters, and 2-10 foot extension cords for HDMI, and VGA plugins. *Laura doesn't have the Microsoft suite so if others have it then, she can bring it to the club.*
- We still have some equipment out from the last backpack class, Krisanne will bring to January 31 meeting, and we will get it back onto shelves for future use. I think I mentioned last time that the Big Agnes tent with a broken pole has been repaired, and is back in service.
- Krisanne told me she was able to sell 2 more of our surplus tents recently, so she will give that \$100 to Jon at the Jan 31 meeting.
- Since our treasury seems to be stable now, I will discuss with Krisanne - the possible need for more equipment for the coming workshop, so everyone has an option to use SOLAR equipment. I think sleeping pads are one item that are needed.

- CLOVER storage does send me an email every month reminding us to pay on time - even with us giving them our credit card # for automatic payment. I have told them we don't really need that reminder, but that is their system, hard to change. SIGH.
- I forward to Jon the paid statement each month - \$180.00 - and CLOVER tells me that they have no plan to raise that cost.

### Historian Karen Haroutunian

- No report

### Membership Dana Buxton

- New members since last meeting – 6
- Total lifetime members (both single and family) – 356
- Current Total annual members (both single and family) - 42
- I cannot make the Member meeting and looking for someone to fill in for me. *Print out the membership form and be available to talk to people, give the form and take their membership fee. Mike volunteered to do this. Laura will print forms and bring to the meeting.*
- Membership Rooster provided by email.
- *Two more members joined on Meetup in the last few days.*

### Programs Open Position

Bob provide report:

- Randy Oleyunik ready to present. Dave, please bring the tank just in case.
  - Need to discuss how to shorten the meeting so there is time for voting on photos prior to the presentation.
- Dave will coordinate the February speaker Haley Andrus Forwarded email to Mike Hobig from Mike Banks about potential speaker talking about walk from Source to Sea by Vanessa Keatling
- Updated Speaker Status Attached
- Building Leslie's AT Presentation in PowerPoint but need to discuss if we will have time for her to speak in April with elections. *Dave brought up that the election took a long time last year and that Leslie will not have enough time for her presentation. Maybe we should do some more advertising before the April meeting so it won't take so long at the April meeting. Dave will write a draft email for who will be returning and descriptions for positions to the steering committee to review before sent to the general membership. Discussion about what to do about getting people involved in the steering committee and how much time Leslie will need. Encourage people to come the steering committee meeting before the April meeting. Talk about keeping elections to 30 minutes and keep Leslie's presentation to 1 ½ hours. Bob is going to keep Leslie on for April and add for June. To be discussed further at a later date.*
- *Discussion about photo contest and timeline for general meeting. Laura to make paper signs, ballots, pens and Dave to register photos on his computer, Mike to bring the ballot box.*

### Public Relations Bob Tacy

- Jeff Enterkin shared information about the Antique Bicycle presentation to the MAC Meetup page. Thanks to Krisanne for adding it to Meetup.
- Reserved a booth for \$30 at The Quiet Adventure Symposium lives on Saturday, March 4, 2023 at the MSU Pavilion. [www.quietwatersociety.org](http://www.quietwatersociety.org)
- Updating the photos on the welcome board to show latest group activities.
- Dave and Bob "working" the QAS booth, but can add two more volunteer staffers for free. *Bob asked for volunteers to man the table, Laura and Mike volunteered.*

## Communications Chair Open

Bob provided report:

- Bob sent an email to members on 1/19 reminding them of the Photo Contest and the Antique Bike Ride presentation. Bob will send another email on the 27th.
- We spent \$35 to promote the Photo Contest from December 31st - January 15th and are spending \$35 from January 15th to the 30th to promote the Antique Bike Ride Event on Facebook.
- We will have also set up a Facebook Live event for the Antique Bike Ride presentation.
- We have posted photos to promote the Antique Bike Ride presentation to Instagram.
- Posted the Ice Caves/Climbing Trip, Beginning Backpacking Workshop, Maybury State Park Hike, and Belle Isle Hike to Facebook.

## Webmaster Stacie Kitchen

- No report
- *Question if you sign up on the website, is the club getting any information. You sign up through PayPal. Jon was asked to look at the messages are from Meetup or PayPal. Jon to look into it and will get back to the SC.*

## Unfinished Business

From Jennifer Tislerics

- If I may address some questions in the SC meeting minutes from November about TextMagic...
  - The last time money was added to the account was in June 2021. Since that money (\$200) was added we have sent out 6 text messages to the club. They are 4 cents per message per phone number, except that when the message is longer than a certain number of characters (I don't recall how many) it all goes out as one message but TextMagic counts it as 2 or 3 messages in length and charges accordingly.
  - When people reply to the message our account is charged for that, too, but that doesn't happen too much.
  - The account went unused from November of 2021 until November of 2022, when I offered to send out messages about the November meeting and December party for Bob.
  - There is also a \$4/month fee for TextMagic to maintain a virtual phone number for our account, which is required to send messages in the US and Canada. There were a couple of hiccups with that this past November related to the virtual number being verified or something, but I got them to refund the costs of the messages that failed to send during those hiccups.
  - There is currently \$97.20 in the account. That's enough to send 3 or 4 of our usual-length messages to the club membership.
  - I've attached the spreadsheet of transactions on the account from the past 2+ years for anyone who wants more details.
  - I just scheduled a reminder about the January photo contest and program to be sent by text message. It'll go out Thursday evening (a week from today). If the SC wants to make any changes to the message or cancel it altogether there is time for that. Cost \$18.56

## New Business

- How do we convert people who only sign up for the 2 week Meetup trial membership or only attend meetings into annual members?

- *Discussion about what is happening with these members. If they stop their trial membership will get them into the Meetup for the trial membership and then when it expires will not have the RSVP button. Day hikes no fee, but supposed to be a member. Activities and workshops are supposed to make sure they are members, or they will fall off the roster and then their place can be filled by someone else. Meetings: not sure how many people are members or guests. Should we have a signup sheet at the meeting with contact information so we can contact them after a meeting by email to say thank you for coming and encourage them to join.*
- *Carol and Krisanne were discussing the dues yesterday. With the Meetup cost reducing our net amount to \$4.12 after fees, a few months back we had discussed raising the cost to \$6 on January 1st. Since we did not have a December SC meeting, I thought it could be discussed this month. Discussion about the annual membership fee, which is \$5 by check, cash, or Meetup. On PayPal is \$5 with additional processing \$1 fee on our website. Discussion about who to make it the same or is it a problem for the treasure to have the different fees. Or should we charge \$6 to everyone and keep the wording the same on all the ways you can join. Motion made to change our annual membership dues to \$6 across the board. Jon to look at Meetup to see if he can do it and let Stacie know if she needs to do anything. It was seconded and voted by SC members present with one abstained. Dave to share the Meetup password with Jon and Stacie. Stacie changed the website/PayPal and Bob is proofing it.*

### **Next meeting Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2023**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:48 pm.

*Meeting minutes notes taken by Laura Miller.*