

Solar Outdoors

Steering Committee Agenda

Date: 9/20/2022



Meeting called to order at 7:04pm

Note: Agenda is in regular font

Italic writing is additional information at the meeting

Quorum members present: Mike Hobig, Bob Tacy, Laura Miller, Dana Buxton, Jon Swingle, Krisanne Schmidt, Stacie Kitchen, Karen Haroutunian, Carol McCririe

Others present: Leslie Cordova

Absent: David Warnecke, Phil Crookshank

Minutes approved by all present.

President Mike Hobig

- I wanted to make sure that we had a count for the Trivia Night, I thought I had made a FB post but now cannot find it, do any of you have access to it or was it somehow deleted?
- As open issue, did Stacie, Jon and Dana get their access sorted for solar-outdoors@googlegroups.com or SOLAR Steering Committee solar-steering-committee@googlegroups.com ? *Jon and Dana were added as members. Stacie is able to get on and need to edit so Mike, Dana and Laura are owners to edit both the Solar SC and Solar General membership Google Groups.*
- **Annual Information Report:** has been updated at the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs <LARA@govsubscriptions.michigan.gov> site.
- Other than that nothing else specifically to add as a presidents perspective to report.
- As a member with member run activities, I have two to comment on and would like them included during our membership meeting to hopefully inspire others to run their own events.
- **Members with Memberships:** inaugural event, 5 participants at Greenfield Village, enjoyed the weather and history also the differences that members and non-members enjoy the experience which brought a pace and perspective which allows enjoyment in a different way. Most of us also ate together at the Eagle Tavern, Greenfield Village's historic, road house, farm to table, family style restaurant and cool drink provider.
- **One Store Meals:** This event stemmed from a fellow hiker talking about how she planned her hiking meals through a web page that had meals all from one store, Trader Joes, we thought we would try it out and see what we could find at Whole Foods, Trader Joes and Dollar General (since it seems to be a main resupply center for the Appalachian Trail) We expect to have 2 participants this Sunday.

Vice President David Warnecke

- No report

Secretary Laura Miller

- Sent email for call for reports, created Agenda for Steering Committee and emailed to SC.

Treasurer Jon Swingle

- Cash in the bank is \$14,066.23.
- Statement of Activity through September 18, 2022 is in separate document.
- *Jon worked with Carol so he had access to Paypal.*

Activities Krisanne Schmidt

Past Activates:

- Moonlight Paddle
- Greenfield Village/share membership
- One store backpacking meals day activity

Upcoming Activities:

- Art Prize Grand Rapids Camping Weekend
- Day Hikes (Seven Lakes & Belle Isle)
- Moonlight Paddle
- Lake Ann in beginning stages of planning

Bylaws Open

Education Carol McCrie

- *Beginning backpacking workshop is done with final practical in two weeks.*
- *Only night the church is open is Thursday nights for classrooms. Carol has a few nights for her dehydrating food class.*

Equipment Chair Phil Crookshank

- My monthly report will be BRIEF - possibly the only time in my career that this happens -
- I am FINALLY convinced that SOLAR CLUB will continue to exist - since this is the first month in many that folks request equipment.
- Of course, this happened because Krisanne and her team of helpers had a beginning backpack workshop, which brought in new members.
- I was contacted by 2 of the new members, who want to borrow equipment for a 2-day trip this coming weekend. We have had many emails back and forth, and I decided to meet their request to meet Tuesday evening at 7pm at Clover. So I won't be on the zoom meeting this time.
- I have always felt that having equipment available for members to try out is KEY to our mission, and our survival. After a lot of work to move to a new location, and finally have members ask - - - is pretty rewarding for me. I used to exclaim loudly - Excelsior, when I have been successful.

Historian Karen Haroutunian

- No report

Membership Dana Buxton

- On vacation and sending report on Tuesday.

- 2 new members complete with forms, and one MeetUp member for the month of Sept. 2022

Programs Open Position

Bob provided report:

- August - Bob and Dave hosted a very fun trivia night. We had 25 at the meeting.
- January - Bob contacted Randy Oleynik. We will have photo night and Randy speak in January.
- Carol purchased 8 \$10 REI gift cards that we didn't need to use for prizes for trivia night because we had Solar branded bandanas and multi-tools. We can use these gift cards for photo night.
- We have presenters through January of 2022. Please see the attached spreadsheet and let Bob know if presenters need help with Powerpoint.
- Please meet me at Super Natural Brewing & Spirits (36685 Plymouth Rd, Livonia, MI 48150) for dinner at 5:00pm on the 27th. We are exploring it as a potential meeting location. *Concern raised about liability of having a meeting where liquor is served. Discussion about the cost of other possible locations and the church is most reasonable with charging for the evening vs. by the hour. The reason we moved to church from Southfield was due to increase in room cost in Southfield.*
- Solar Speaker Status spreadsheet in separate document.
- *Bob asked Mike to follow-up on a lead and he assigned it David.*
- *There have been requests for virtual presentation of the meeting. Bob is willing to use his phone to do a Facebook live event for the monthly meeting speakers.*
- *Holiday party-previous held first Friday in Dec. Do we want to have it? Carol can check to see if the church is available that night. Some people come to the party that don't attend any other activities. Potluck with members bring a dish pass. Carol will check to see if church is available, then we will ask membership at the general meeting next week.*

Public Relations Bob Tacy

- Asked Jeff Enterkin to share information about The Moosewatch Expedition to the MAC. Thanks to Krisanne for adding it to Meetup.
- *Bob made it an event to run it as an ad.*

Communications Chair Open

Bob provided report:

- Bob sent an email to members on 9/17 reminding them of the meeting and Moosewatch presentation.
- We are spending \$35 to promote the Moosewatch Expedition Event on Facebook.
- Need to discuss streaming the presentation on Facebook Live if we don't have a Zoom Account

Webmaster Stacie Kitchen

Stacie has been updating website:

- 2 Bios updated and gear equipment link was updated along with plug-ins to make website run smoothly.
- **Donation, equipment, annual membership buttons at top:**
 - Need to get the PayPal acct linked to them (do not have access to it)
- **Questions and information filled out on website Contact page:**

- Been sending to Krisanne to reply to them. *She thinks she should be sending membership to Dana.*
- **Solar Outdoors Banner:**
 - Waiting on approval which was updated and sent to Mike Hobig
- **Google Groups and Texting:**
 - Approved new and lifetime members that asked to be put into the email groups or mobile Texting
- Starting September 26, I will not be able to attend the meetings. I start driving sparks kids home. So I won't be home until 7:30/8pm (if this changes I will let everyone know).
- *Stacie requested by email for members to send her high-resolution photos for the website.*
- Bob reported Bob is working with his programmer create the four pieces of button artwork and the code needed for Stacie to add a PayPal links for paying dues, making equipment deposits, donating and attending events to the website. *Discussion about donation button for donation of money with a designated location, time/experience, borrowing equipment. Discussion of doing events on our Solar website vs. on Meetup due to our frustration with using Meetup and their costs. Advantage of Meetup is other people will see our events on Meetup. Using the Solar website for equipment fees and deposits for borrowing equipment through Paypal.*

Unfinished Business

- Discussion where we need to consider moving to a more appealing location for us to attract younger people to join our club? Additional discussion, for ease of renting having dates be consistent with steering committee on the 3rd Tuesday night and general meeting on the 4th Tuesday of the month. *Discussion about which week the general membership meeting.*
- Previous move was a monetary concern, which was to the church. Discussion about the exploration of different location for meeting or having a committee to explore it that is centrally located.
- Need to have a meeting space to accommodate at least 80 people or more.
- *Carol made the new final bylaws, which was voted and approved in March 2022. The cleanup version was not completed. Carol is having difficulty with the comments box. Krisanne will help her delete the comment box and send to SC.*

New Business

- Change the layout of the room to be as it was last month. With the screen against the wall, up on a table, the lighting was much better for the audience, the speaker, and the images on screen were good. *For September .meeting try the seating at the kitchen end of the room like for August meeting Trivia night to see if it works when speakers are presenting.*
- *Discussion about new business cards and not using the old cards with S.O.L.A.R. on them. Dave printed some but not everyone has seen or been given them out. Discussion about the trifold brochure with the old brochure needing changes to name and logo. Maybe just have an online brochure. Mike to dispose of old business cards and brochures, all present*

Next meeting Oct.18, 2022 at 7 pm virtually.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Meeting minutes notes taken by Laura Miller.