

Solar Outdoors

Steering Committee Minutes

Date: 4/18/2023

Meeting called to order at: 7:01 pm

Note: Agenda is in regular font

Italic writing is additional information at the meeting



Quorum members present: Laura Miller, Leslie Cordova, Michael Hobig, Dana Buxton, Bob Tacy, Karen Haroutunian, Jon Swingle, Krisanne Schmidt, Carol McCrie, Phil Crookshank

Others present: None

Absent: Stacie Kitchen, David Warnecke,

Minutes approved

President Mike Hobig

- Mary Winkler found a person from "Promoting Michigan Getaways" newsletters (www.travelinmichigan.com) and saw that he is willing to speak. She has not talked to him, she thought it was good for us to know what some speakers are charging (270\$). I told her it is a bit steep for our club but would let SC know it at the next meeting.
- Sent out a note on sustainable train travel and amtrak that a club member found that might connect with our community.
- Put the camper van rally presentation / development on hold due to several factors, let those interested know and ask for background info to prepare for future presentation. No date has been set yet.
- Sent out position descriptions and calls to action for the steering committee and elections. I did not receive any new responses from that. Mary W interested as VP on ballot. Jeff G decided that he cannot run for programs at this time.
- *Mike will be sending out another email to club for steering committee volunteers and the ballot to the general membership.*
- *Laura to bring about 80 ballots and pens to the meeting next week with some kind of a ballot box.*

Vice President David Warnecke

- No Report

Secretary Laura Miller

- Sent out call for report, compiled agenda and sent out draft agenda on the evening of 4/16/23. Attached a potential speaker list for Solar general meetings.

Treasurer Jon Swingle

- Cash in the bank as of April 16, 2023 is \$13,041.76.
- The Statement of Activity through April 16, 2023 is attached.

Activities Krisanne Schmidt

Past activities:

- Day Hikes
- Mountain Bike rides

Upcoming activities:

- Day Hikes
- A couple of weekend backpacking trips are in the works for May/June
- Pictured Rocks Thru Hike (June 2023)
- South Manitou Trip (Aug. 2023)
- Backcountry camping/Fall Colors @ Porcupine Mountains (Oct. 2023)

Bylaws Open

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Education Carol McCririe

- Beginning Backpacking Workshop is ongoing with two upcoming practicals.
- In conjunction with the BP workshop, there is a backcountry cooking workshop on April 27th. So far there are 9 participants but it will be promoted at this weekend's BP practical at Brighton Rec.
- Eric Braun, along with Jeff McWilliams are teaching a bike cleaning and tuning basics workshop on May 20 th , with a rain date of May 21st . The workshop will be hosted at Eric's home and may include a post-instructional bike ride. The workshop was posted on Meetup last week.

I have reached out to Jeff McWilliams about the Basic Land Navigation 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.

- Dave Warnecke and Bob Tacy taught the Intermediate BP Workshop last year in the Spring. Since the beginning workshop is this Spring, Dave is going to gauge interest from the upcoming beginning workshop and the Pictured Rocks backpacking trip.
- Matt Dalton has expressed an interest in teaching an intro to kayaking workshop. I have reached out via email to determine what he is thinking about in terms of timing and costs. To date, I have not heard back from him.
- I met someone at the QAS who expressed a willingness to teach water safety. I am not sure how closely this would parallel a kayak workshop but will be following up with her also.

Equipment Chair Phil Crookshank

- All equipment has been gone through, to be sure, all parts to the Gear are with each item, and ready for Krisanne to pick up what is needed for the first part of the Backpack Workshop. This workshop will be easier as far as setups, since they will not need to lug the giant canopy tent for the outdoor lessons. Krisanne says she will pick up all she needs next week, while in town for the Monthly SOLAR meeting. I plan to be there to help stuff it all in her vehicle.
- Laura requested for the May presenter a laser pointer for her presentation, so I have one renovated, will have it there for Leslie to use, and for others who want to point out things on screen.

- The new multi cord to go from the laptop to the projector that Jeff McWilliams provided worked well last month, but the best plan is to have a laptop that is compatible with HDMI and VGA ports ready, and brought with all the other equipment to the monthly meetings.
- Laura will bring her old computer to next weeks meeting, and I will take it to the Geek that I use, and he will get it oriented with Powerpoint software, and a functioning USB post, for when presenters put their show on a flash, thumb, drive, then the presentation will run that way.
- I was planning on not running for the Equipment Chair again.
- So - the best thing to do is to find a new equipment chair, I will be glad to help them figure out where it all is, update the Gear Lists, after the big sales we did last year, pass on all the documents necessary, etc.

Historian Karen Haroutunian

- No Report
- *Karen would like to know where to bring the historian materials at the May Steering Committee. Phil said he has some open shelves in the storage unit.*
- *Bob has some photos from the presentation board to give to the historian or scan them into a digital format for Stacie to put on website. Maybe some members may want to them.*

Membership Dana Buxton

- Six new members joined in the last month.
 - One paid via PayPal,
 - 3 via Meetup,
 - 2 paid at the last meeting.

Programs Open Position

Bob reported:

- Put Leslie's AT Presentation into PowerPoint and wrote her presentation description.
- Set up Facebook Live event for Leslie's presentation.
- Tested the new wireless mic in the last meeting and will test again with Leslie.
- Who should I give recording equipment to after the April meeting if no one is elected to the Programs position? *Bob will bring to the meeting. Where should we store it?*

Public Relations Bob Tacy

- Asked Jeff Enterkin (jeff.enterkin@gmail.com) to post information about Leslie's presentation on the MAC Meetup page.
- Have my expenses for updating the welcome board. If Jon is at the meeting I will give to him.
- Who should I give the welcome board to after the April meeting if no one is elected to the PR position?
- Gave the banners to Phil last month.
- Karen, do you want the old photos from the welcome board to at least take photos of or scan?

Communications Chair Open

Bob reported:

- Created Facebook and Instagram posts for Leslie's presentation and spent \$40 of advertising to members and people like them.
- Sent email to members about Leslie's presentation.
- Heard someone at the last meeting say they cam because they received a text message about the Hostel presentation. Asked Jennifer to send out a text promoting Leslie's presentation on Saturday, April 23rd if there is money left.

- Created Facebook post for Laura Miller's Island Lake Hike and Eric Braun's Bike ride.
- Will have Facebook advertising expenses at the meeting for Jon.
- *Someone said that they came to the meeting because they got a text message about the last presentation, which Jenn T. sent out.*

Webmaster Stacie Kitchen

- Treasurer still needs to put payment in for web hosting. *Jon to talk with Carol after the meeting name domain and web hosting renewals to be paid. Carol had asked that the email change from Carol's personal email to the club treasurer email. Carol was not sure where that stands at this time. Dana gave some mail from the P.O. Box, which were not really for our domain name. Jon will contact Stacie after talking with Carol.*

Bob reported:

Pay Pal on Website

- Will add the ability for two – four people to join at the same time on the website by the end of the month.
- We need a process for adding people who join through the website to Meetup and the Google Group email.

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

- *When you sign up on our Solar Outdoors website, it goes to PayPal to Jon who then needs to send it to Dana. Dana will send a welcome letter, which explains how to join Meetup where she will coordinate their dues. It takes time for it to process from our website. Bob to write some a statement about reconciling their dues between the two systems.*
- *Mike asked about if we would have a formal handoff meeting or have each individual person coordinate the exchange of the information. In the past, a long time ago it was given to the Historian to organize by year. Should we have a digital information storage place like for the taxes, backup equipment person for access to the equipment storage unit. Phil, Krisanne, Dave, Doreen and Ati T. have a key and the password to access the unit. Laura has a key.*

Next meeting to be scheduled after the election next week.

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:45 pm.

Meeting minutes notes taken by Laura Miller.