

Solar Outdoors

Steering Committee Minutes

Date: 4/23/2024

Meeting called to order at: :04 pm

Note: Agenda is in regular font

Italic writing is additional information at the meeting



Quorum members present: Mike Hobig, Laura Miller, Jeff McWilliams, Jim Kadlubowski, Bev Wozniak, Carol McCririe, Krisanne Schmidt, Dana Buxton

Others present: Tim Davis

Minutes approved by committee members present.

President Mike Hobig

- I will bring presidential info box and voting box to April membership meeting.
- As president, I had hoped to connect our various social media sites and get some consistency and structure so we could easily post our trip tales, pictures and help plan and connect us all better. This was coming off covid and that in itself launched us into doing things remotely and perhaps connecting in different ways. Our webmaster really did the heavy lifting with redesigns and simplifications. I had hoped that this would also usher in a renewed sense of camaraderie, companionship and closeness of members. Our mandate for the club is to act as a connection and conduit to enjoy the outdoors with each other.
- We have had great strides in showing presentations remotely to our members that are either away or ill, which I think adds to our community. Again thanks to our steering committee members for building up that capability as well.
- I have in no way exceeded my expectation to have more people planning trips, asking for advice, utilizing our equipment or asking to share their experiences. I still think that in person, monthly meetings with presentations and education have built a great network of great people, I just wish we could build it up to be a fuller greater experience for more great people.
- You may know I like the afterglow of our meetings, I like to talk and eat... but mostly I like the connections and leads I get for my own adventures. I have wrangled some club members into great trips that I thought, "would want to do that with me"....but great times come with great people.
- Another group of great people have been the steering committee, this year, last and all the others I have been on in the past. I could not have asked for a more supportive, experienced, open and engaged group, we all asked for something from each other and we all got the support we needed and I hope the same good feeling from having and helping folks enjoy their time in Solar.
- I hope to continue in Solar for many years to come and may eventually be a SC member again and with elections coming that you might consider helping out in that capacity as well. I have put out description and position notes and calls to action in the past, if you would like some more info on opportunities, just let me know.
- It has been grand serving you, hope to keep enjoying your company in this great club.
Mike Hobig



World largest cherry pie pan in Traverse City and me...

Vice President Mary Winkler

- No report

Secretary Laura Miller

- Laura made a call for reports and send out the agenda for the SC meeting on Monday, 4/22/2024 along with roster, statement of activity, March SC meeting minutes for review, link for virtual meeting.

Treasurer Jon Swingle

- Cash in the bank as of April 22, 2024 is \$11,873.27.
- The Statement of Activity through April 22, 2024 is attached.

Activities Krisanne Schmidt

Past activities:

- Day Hikes

Upcoming activities:

- Day Hikes
- Hocking Hills Memorial Day Weekend
- Fife Lake Backpacking Trip June 7-9 *Laura can't hike so looking for a co-leader for the hiking trip. Laura working on getting an experienced backpacker to be the co-leader.*
- Possible trip to stay at lighthouse property (May or June)
- Possible weekend backpacking trip June 21-23
- Possible bikepacking trip (if we can find someone to lead this and people to plan)

- *Mike to plan some kayaking day trips in the summer*

Bylaws Open

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Education Carol McCririe

- Advanced Land Navigation finished up – Jeff will recognize participants at meeting.
- Beginning Backpacking workshop is full and starts this week.
- The sailing workshop classroom session was last week; sailing days coming in June.
- Kayaking workshop – will be taught by Matt Dalton through Heavner Canoe. In an effort to get more participants, it will be held the morning of the annual picnic at 9:30 am. They are two cost options - \$15 if you provide your own kayak and \$50 to include kayak rental.
- Mountain Biking workshop – just received a proposal from Eric Braun for end of June; will work to finalize and publish before meeting.
- Bicycle cleaning and tuning basics – just received a proposal from Eric Braun for end of May; will work to finalize and publish before meeting.
- Intermediate BP workshop – sent email to Bob T, Dave W, and Leslie C. asking for a volunteer to host this in the fall. We were teaching this every other year and did not host in 2023. I have heard back from Leslie and Bob, and they are not available to lead this workshop. I'm going to assume that Dave is not available as I have not heard back from him and he has other issues going on. I'm open to suggestions for potential instructors as this would be the perfect workshop for the fall.

Equipment Chair Jeff McWilliams

- I was busy leading Advanced Land Nav class, which has now wrapped. I'm holding onto the radios and will have them recharged and ready to use with the Beginner Backpacking Workshop. I also tried to make sure Krisanne had everything she needed "Equipment Chair-wise" for the upcoming workshop.
- The new tarp parts for the large shelter have been put in the big black duffel bag. I'd like to see us set up the shelter at the summer picnic behind the permanent one at Heavner's just to verify that everything is proper before I throw away the old tarp components. Until then, the old tarp components will be taking up space in my garage.

Historian Open

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Membership Dana Buxton

- 95 current paid annual members
- 3 new members joined at the last meeting
- 2 renewed at the last meeting
- 2 new members since the last meeting
- 52 renewals since the beginning of the year
- 363 Lifetime Members
- Latest Roster attached
- New Business - Tim Davis will run for VP, Mary Donohue will run for Treasurer.
- Does anyone know Bruce Freeburger? I think that he is a lifetime member but I don't see him on the roster.

Programs Bev Wozniak

- April: Carol's Adventure in AK, Are you ready?
- May: Joan Young, dinner with her before mtg, I host her for the evening, (she declined post-mtg gathering) *Discussion about paying for her dinner and in the past, it comes out of the programs budget and that is the current policy.*
- June: Picnic at Proud Lake/Heavner's. Confirmation email received from Bruce Heavner for reserving shelter. Al Heavner has SOLAR banner to secure shelter. When advertising picnic: rent canoe for \$35 (discounted when mentioning SOLAR, that day only), must have Mich State Park passport, I-96 construction is changing exit closures so be sure to Google route that day. *Picnic needs to get on Meetup announcement which Krisanne will make the announcement.*
- Plan to purchase 'thank you' mugs from Cafe Press for non-member presenters from 'Share the Love' donation can donations (\$141 YTD). Plan to count with someone else at end of meeting. Deposit monthly via personal check to Treasurer.
- Cafe Press design question: who decides design? *It was suggested that Bev contact Bob Tacy about Café Press design.*
- *Discussion about the ballot and names of volunteers to run. Mike to bring descriptions of each position for people to review when we call for additional volunteers for the ballot.*

Public Relations Jim Kadlubowski

- No report

Communications Chair Open

- No report

Unfinished Business

- *None*

New Business

- *There is a button on the website for paying \$35 to be able to rent equipment and a button for your deposit for the equipment loaned for \$250 deposit through PayPal, then the treasurer has to refund the money. We agree for the button for \$35 for gear rental, but not the deposit of \$250. Jeff McWilliams to contact Stacie about removing the \$250 deposit button on the website.*

Next meeting Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 7 pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Meeting minutes notes taken by Laura Miller.