



Solar Outdoors

Steering Committee Minutes

Date: 4/22/2025

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: Mary Winkler, Laura Miller, Carol McCririe, Jeff McWilliams, Karen Haroutunian, Jim Kadlubowski, Bev Wozniak, Krisanne Schmidt, Tim Davis, Mary Donahue-Wold

Others present: None

Minutes approved *by all present.*

President Mary Winkler

- Sent out emails and texts about upcoming elections and looking for members to volunteer to run for a position.

Vice President Tim Davis

- No update

Secretary Laura Miller

- Sent out call for reports with proposed changes to bylaws, proposed 50th Anniversary Party Budget, Minutes from last month's meeting. Created agenda for the meeting and sent out agenda on 4/21/2025 along with updated membership roster.

Treasurer Mary Donahue-Wold

- Ending balance for March - \$10035.46
- *Money was paid out for the 50th anniversary campsites and Laura is collecting the money from each member for their campsite.*
- *Money has been deposited for the wilderness first aid class, but we have not paid for the class*

yet.

- Carol has the money from the beginning backpacking workshop which needs to be deposited.

Activities Krisanne Schmidt

Past activities:

- None reported

Upcoming activities:

- **Upcoming activities:**
- North Eastern State Trail Bikepacking Trip, June 13-15, 2025
- South Manitou Island Backpacking/Day Hiking Trip, July 3-7, 2025

Bylaws Karen Haroutunian

- *Draft of changes to the bylaws was sent out by Karen and again by Laura with the agenda. Discussion about the draft of the wording of the changes in combining the positions of historian/bylaws and public relations/communications steering committee positions. Social media posts should be part of the public relations/communications. Karen is editing the wording to reflect this in the changes to the bylaws.*
- *Carol moved to vote on changes and Mary D-W seconded. All in favor of the changes to the bylaws.*

Education Carol McCrie

- **Beginning Backpacking:** This workshop is wrapping up with the final practical at Pinckney Recreation Area coming up May 2nd to 4th. We ended up with 11 participants.
- **Bicycle Cleaning and Tuning Basics workshop:** This is a one-day workshop on May 3rd from 8 am to noon. The cost is \$15 if paid cash or check, \$20 if paid on meetup. It conflicts with the backpacking workshop because the original date was Mother's Day weekend.
- **Basic Land Nav:** This workshop is scheduled for classroom sessions on 9/18, 9/25, and 10/2 and have been approved by the church. The final practical will be at Waterloo Recreation area on 10/10-12.
- **Wilderness First Aid:** We have scheduled the weekend of October 25-26 and I believe that I have 10 people signed up. I have kept Kalamazoo college up to date on our numbers and have sent an email asking how and when they want payment. *Carol will be arranging with participants about lodging near the course.*

Equipment Chair Jeff McWilliams

- Preliminary equipment report from the Beginner Backpacking Workshop:
 - We've had a lot of people borrow gear this year.
 - We loaned out:
 - 4 tents
 - 6 backpacks
 - 8 sleeping bags
 - 7 sleeping pads
 - 3 tarps
 - 3 stoves
 - 4 water filters
 - Plus workshop volunteers grabbed some additional CCF pads and an extra sleeping bag just in case.

- We loaned out a lot more colder bags this year due to the 7-day forecast for the weekend showing overnight lows in the mid-30's.
- We loaned out all our lightweight inflatable sleeping pads.
- We loaned out 3 1P tents. Most of the couples/pairs taking the class provided their own tents, with one couple borrowing a 3P tent because they are both tall people.
- Frustratingly, some of our sleeping bags are missing their compression stuff sacks, so we had to steal stuff sacks from other bags. I will have to re-inventory stuff sacks and replace them where necessary.

Historian Leslie Cordova

- No report.

Membership Dana Buxton

- 113 Total Annual Membership
- 4 new members since last meeting
- 5 renewals since last meeting
- Sent renewal email to 11 members for memberships that expire at the end of April with 3 additional renewals

Programs Bev Wozniak

- April: Elections and social activity
 - Ballot: Laura will make ballot, a member volunteered for the historian/bylaws position
 - Voting box: Mary W will bring to meeting
 - Pens: I have a stash
- May: Paddling the Clinton River, Jeffrey Schiffman from the Clinton River Watershed Council (I cannot attend-need coverage) *Bev is going to check with the May speaker to see if they are able to bring their own computer and will let Jeff M know.*
- June: Saturday, June 7th, Solar Annual Picnic and Gear Swap at Proud Lake S.R.A. at shelter by Heavner Canoe Rental at Noon
 - Banner?: *Jeff said it should be in the storage unit. Laura will get to take and hang at the picnic.*
 - Picnic and Gear Swap: Saturday, June 7th, Noon, shelter by Heavner Canoe Rental,
 - BYO food and drink, chair
 - Hike/Bike activities to TBA, *people can rent a kayak and kayak on their own*
- July: Dave and Moe DeFrance: Africa: Part II (me and my computer not in attendance)

Public Relations Jim Kadlubowski

- Nothing to report for PR.
- Still hoping to get something done in my last month on the job once my current school work is done.

Communications Chair Open

Webmaster Stacie Kitchen

- Website needs my updating. But in the meantime I did do some deleting of the PayPal button on the activities page.
- As for everything else I believe I can get them completed before the meeting.

Unfinished Business

- Meetup on Solar logo is the old one and needs to be updated. *Carol as when she was treasurer updated with meetup our name change and logo, it has an old person's name. We need to figure out how to get this corrected. Carol will try again and we can ask others if they know how to do this.*

New Business

- 50th Anniversary Budget: *The budget was discussed and presented to be approved at \$500. It was put to a vote, seconded and all present approved.*

Next meeting on May 20, 2025 at 7 pm virtually.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Meeting minutes notes taken by Laura Miller.

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