

# Solar Outdoors

## Steering Committee Minutes

Date: 8/22/2023

Meeting called to order at: 7:03 pm

Note: Agenda is in regular font

*Italic writing is additional information at the meeting*



**Quorum members present:** Mike Hobig, Laura Miller, Carol McCririe, Jeff McWilliams, Krisanne Schmidt, Jim Kadluboski, Jon Swingle, Stacie Kitchen, Mary Winkler, Dana Buxton, Bev Wozniak

**Minutes approved** for June 2023 minutes by all present. July Steering Committee meeting was not held due to lack of forum.

### President Mike Hobig

- Reviewed past meeting minutes to see if we had any consistency in taking attendance, we did not. We had some records; I passed them along to Bev. *President or VP will count attendance at Solar General meetings and give attendance numbers to Bev for her spreadsheet.*
- Last month notes with slight update re camper van rally, two people sent me images of vehicles in use; I have added some of my own. Will work on initial announcement this month to be ready before September SC meeting. *Laura will be have one or two hammock set ups at the rally.*

### Vice President Mary Winkler

- No report

### Secretary Laura Miller

- Laura sent out call for reports and created agenda for the meeting. Agenda and minutes from June SC, July SC agenda and August SC agendas sent at 1:32 pm August, 22 with Google Meet link.
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### Treasurer Jon Swingle

- Cash in the bank as of August 15, 2023 is \$12,133.85.
- The Statement of Activity through August 15, 2023 is attached.

### Activities Krisanne Schmidt

#### Past activities:

- Day Hikes
- South Manitou Backpacking/Day Hiking

#### Upcoming activities:

- Day Hikes
- Susquehannock Backpack Trip (Sept – Oct 2023)(still a maybe)
- Backcountry camping/Fall Colors @ Porcupine Mountains (Oct. 2023)

## Bylaws Open

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## Education Carol McCririe

- Basic Land Navigation begins September 29<sup>th</sup> with additional classroom time on 10/5 and 10/12 with a final practical 10/22-23.
- Nothing else is on the calendar currently. I will be working on trying to find individuals willing to teach a winter class.
- *Carol is exploring other workshops like snowshoe. Mike volunteered to help.*

## Equipment Chair Jeff McWilliams

- We got a letter from Clover Self Storage saying they wanted to increase our monthly rate by \$15.00/mo for 24-hour access, because we access the storage facility "after hours" to put the equipment away after the Tuesday meetings.
- Phil Crookshank explained that he had previously arranged an exception to the fee increase because the last Tuesday of the month was the only time we needed after hours access. I called Clover Self Storage and explained our situation. They agreed to maintain our current monthly rate so long as we are only accessing the facility after hours on that last Tuesday of the month. If we do more than that, we will see a rate increase.
- The normal access times for the storage unit are 7:00am - 9:00pm. I've notified everyone else who has a key and code to the storage unit to remind them not to try going into the storage unit after hours.

## Historian Open

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## Membership Dana Buxton

- Membership Report:
- 2 new members since last general meeting
- 362 Lifetime members
- 80 current members
- General question: "Do lifetime members need to pay the equipment rental fee when borrowing equipment?" Is equipment fee a yearly fee? *\$35 per calendar year, the fee is for all members including lifetime members.*
- New business question/proposal: I propose that I when a new member joins Solar via the Meetup we ask that they give us their email address. This will give us at least some information about a person who is giving us \$6. The email will allow me to send them an electronic copy of the membership form/wavier. This should help us with events where paid Meetup members sign up and we need to contact them. *First and last name as well as email needs to be added to Meetup so Dana can send them the membership waiver form and get contact information for the club.*
- I can make the changes to Meetup to execute this proposal. Take a vote and let me know.
- *Dana will come to the first Beginner Backpacking class in the future to get forms completed.*

## Programs Bev Wozniak

- August: Erica Clites, Paddle Stewards and Evasive Species Program has been posted on FB, distributed to Google groups, and on Meet-Up. Thanks for your help.
- September: Tim and Eric share Alpine climbing experience *at Mt. Baker* (actual title pending) [Tim Davies and Eric Braun without Jeff]
- October: Camper Van Rally with Mike plus 3 others, *Laura with hammock setup*
- November: Jim DuFrense, The End of the Trail
- \*\*\*December: party? date? who plans what??? costs???\*\*\* *See new business section*

## Public Relations Jim Kadlubowski

- Regarding the upcoming meeting: I need someone to explain to me how we get more business cards since we are running low. Who has the design, where we order them from, how much it should cost and how I request the funding. *Mike to send Jim an email with Dave Warneke's contact information to order more business cards. Motion made to increase budget to \$200 for additional business cards, etc that need to be ordered*
- At the last general meeting, I had the candy set out, Starbursts and Hershey's Kisses, Someone opened a kiss and said "yuck, these are old". Indeed they were. I had eaten a few but as a backpacker simply looked at the mottled old hunk of chocolate and figured it had experienced some high heat and ate it anyway. But it is obviously not a good way to impress newcomers. So I bought some new ones and need to submit a repayment request (gotta find the shopping receipt, bought them on sale at Meijer's).

## Communications Chair Open

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## Webmaster Stacie Kitchen

- Updated the front photo on the website – Yes...was given permission from a current member.
- Removed the Text messaging sign up at the Footer since we don't have this option anymore.
- Will be doing a some changes on the front page under the main photo.
  - Email me your ideas before or after the meeting (not meeting worthy with time).
- Updates on the Minutes are on going and the Memoriam.
  - Memoriam...will need photos and/or information of them.
- Working on PayPal link with the website. Was told that it's giving an error when someone tries paying with it.
- *Website photo is from Debbie Ritter and permission given to use on the Solar Outdoors website.*

## Unfinished Business

- *Discussion about October meeting being moved from Oct. 31 to Oct. 24. Mike to contact church about this change in dates. Holiday party is on Dec. 1 is that too close to the Nov. meeting. Discussion held and it is ok. No meeting on Dec. 26.*
- *Stacie has a banner for Solar to purchase for \$60. Discussion held and club will purchase using the communication budget money. Stacie is going to meet Mike at the DIA on Sept. 13rd to give him the banner.*

## New Business

- Holiday party: Date/Time: *Dec. 1* Bev to contact church to reserve the room for the Holiday party. *No General Membership meeting in Dec. because we have the Holiday party.*

- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party for 2025: When did we want to start planning? *The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary is in 2026. The 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration was June 11-12, 2016.*
- *Posting on Social Media-Facebook and Meetup. We pay a \$200 annual fee to Meetup. No additional charge for free events posted, workshops and activities with a fee incur a charge by Meetup so posted costs should include the additional charge to cover the cost incurred.*
- *Discussion about how to share information on Facebook, should we develop a boiler plate for the format to use on media posts.*
- *Calendar created monthly by Krisanne for our monthly meetings. She will send it to Stacie to put on our website.*
- *For clarification, Solar sponsored events are posted on Meetup, other events can be shared in Google Groups and Facebook.*
- *Bob Tacy and Bev to meet to explore where things are published and to present this information to the club possibly at the Jan. General Membership meeting when we do the photo contest. This is the responsibility of the communications chair, which is currently an open position.*

**Next meeting** Oct. 17, 2023 at 7 pm, a week early because the general membership meeting moved up a week due to Halloween.

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:00 pm.

*Meeting minutes notes taken by Laura Miller*