

# Solar Outdoors

## Steering Committee Minutes

Date: 1/23/24

Meeting called to order at: 7:02 pm

Note: Agenda is in regular font

*Italic writing is additional information at the meeting*



**Quorum members present:** Mike Hobig, Laura Miller, Jon Swingle, Jeff McWilliams, Mary Winkler, Carol McCririe, Beverly Wozniak, Krisanne Schmidt

**Others present:**

**Absent:** Dana Buxton, Stacie Kitchen

**Minutes approved** for Nov. 2023.

### **President Mike Hobig**

- I have the voting box with pens out to bring to the photo contest meeting.
- Also welcome back in this new year to the Solar Steering Committee team, thank you for your ongoing and committed assistance to the club.

### **Vice President Mary Winkler**

- Nothing to report.

### **Secretary Laura Miller**

- Call for reports, created agenda for the SC meeting and sent agenda out to SC on Sunday evening.

### **Treasurer Jon Swingle**

- The Statement of Activity through January 21, 2024
- The Statement of Activity for 2023 (full year)
- Proposed 2024 Budget: *Jon reviewed the proposed budget with steering committee, with discussions of proposed amounts and some edits made.*
- *Mike moved to approved the budget, Laura seconded and it was approved by all present.*

### **Activities Krisanne Schmidt**

#### **Past activities:**

Day Hikes

Holiday Party

Lake Ann Winter Weekend

#### **Upcoming activities:**

Day Hikes

Mid-Winter Outing/Get Together

Eben Ice Caves Weekend

*Discussion about other activities that will be submitted to Krisanne for approval in the next few weeks. Carol is working on having someone lead a group snow shoeing at the Mid-Winter get together.*

## **Bylaws Open**

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## **Education Carol McCririe**

- Advanced Land Navigation, led by Jeff McWilliams, is scheduled for March 27th, March 30th, April 3rd, and a final practical the weekend of April 13th to 14th . It will finish up the weekend of 10/21-22. Signups are currently being taken on Meetup.
- The Beginning Backpacking workshop, led by Krisanne Schmidt, is tentatively scheduled for classroom time on April 25 th (approval from church pending), May 3rd to 5<sup>th</sup> at Brighton Recreation Area, and May 18 th to 20 th for final practical at Waterloo/Pinckney.
- Now that we finally have snow, I have reached out to Michael Dwyer as he expressed interest in hosting a ski or snowboard workshop at Pine Knob or Mt. Holly for beginners that are interested in trying a new sport. I am waiting for his response.
- As a follow-up to possibly hosting a snowshoe workshop, we have added this on as an activity at the Mid-winter gathering. Heritage Park rents snowshoes and I will see if there is someone willing to lead a snowshoe hike with beginners. I have a handout for interested participants that I found on REI's website.
- *Sailing workshop in two sessions by Chuck Smith in the summer with a fee for the workshop and book.*
- *Carol talked about that she has not heard back from Mike Dwyer about downhill or snowboarding.*

## **Equipment Chair Jeff McWilliams**

- Four new Rockie Talkie radios were received and the hard black case has been redone with a new foam insert to hold the radios and their USB chargers.
- The plan is to dispose of the old radios.
- Mike Hobig left me with two large file folder bins of historical club documents to find room for in the storage unit.
- I plan to investigate getting them all digitized by scanning them with a scanner and OCR software so that the resulting PDFs are also searchable. But that is a big task.
- Now that we're through the holidays I'm going to follow up with our anonymous benefactor to procure a new top tarp and some replacement bungies for the shelter as discussed previously.
- I'm also busy planning Advanced Land Nav.

## **Historian Open**

### **Membership Dana Buxton**

- Dana cannot attend the SC meeting.
- 2 renewals since last meeting
- 4 new members (via Meetup) since last meeting
- 79 members with dues up to date
- 35 memberships expired in 2023
- 21 memberships expired in 2022
- *In additional there are lifetime members who are on the spreadsheet.*

## **Programs Bev Wozniak**

- Jan 30th, photo contest/Tacy presentation 'social media'
  - 5x\$10 REI cards
  - *Mike bringing the voting box and pens, Laura brining the ballots and spreadsheet for photo entries.*
  - *Krisanne and Carol to help Bev with tallying the votes.*
  - *Mike asked for a show off other photos table.*
  - Will forward pre-copy of Tacy presentation when available. He hopes that SC will support/answer questions.
  - Website: calendar: next meeting date?
- Feb 27th, possible 'Bike ' Barge' or TBD (awaiting responses)
- *March talk about elections and what the different positions area to encourage volunteers*
- April: elections? speaker?
- May 28th: Joan Young who *North Country trail completed two times.*
  - \$75 approval
  - lodging/dinner
- Speaker fee donation can? *Bev suggested having a donation box at the meeting for attendees to donate for speakers they like.*

## **Public Relations Jim Kadlubowski**

- I needed feedback on whether Solar would pay for the entrance fees for extra workers to the Quiet Adventures Symposium.
- Jim needs to work with Laura for the volunteer signup on Signup Genius.
- *With to booth rental, two free tickets with the rental. We want more volunteers; Mike said he would buy a ticket. Carol and Laura are going to setup and breakdown.*

## **Communications Chair Open**

### **Webmaster Stacie Kitchen**

- Updated Email and removed text messaging on website.

### **Unfinished Business**

- None

### **New Business**

- Laura: Other options to pay online. *Meetup is affiliated with Paypal so that is our only option.*
- Laura: Checking account has our old name and outside of the envelope has check inside. How do we feel about this? See images below. *Carol with explore changing the name with the bank on our account*

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**Next meeting** Feb. 20, 2024 at 7 pm.

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:00 pm.

*Meeting minutes notes taken by Laura Miller*