



Solar Outdoors

Steering Committee Minutes

Date: 3/18/2025

Meeting called to order at. 7:07pm.

Note: Agenda is in regular font

Italic writing is additional information at the meeting

Quorum members present: Laura Miller, Bev Wozniak, Mary Winkler, Jeff McWilliams, Tim Davis, Karen Haroutiun, Krisanne Schmidt, Carol McCririe, Mary Donahue-Wold, Jim Kadluboski

Others present:

Minutes approved by all present from the Feb. 2025 steering committee meeting.

President Mary Winkler

- I posted about the Anniversary on FB and I've been using all the great boxes that Solar members have given me.

Vice President Tim Davis

- No update. I will need to leave at 8pm on Tuesday.

Secretary Laura Miller

- Sent out call for reports with last month's meeting minutes for review and Google Meet link for steering committee meeting. Sent out agenda on Monday, 3/17/2025 with last month's minutes to review, the Google Meet link, updated membership list.
- *Update on 50th Anniversary planning continues with campsite reservations to be made tomorrow morning. Next planning meeting before the April general meeting with information going out to the club after.*

Treasurer Mary Donahue-Wold

- Checking account balance - \$12,606.06

- Budget needs to be discussed.
 - *Carol McCririe shared the final 2024 budget and proposed the budget for 2025.*
 - *Discussion about the budget.*
 - *Add cost for promoting workshops on facebook of \$200.*
 - *Mary W. to look into the storage unit bill and who gets this.*
 - *Jeff did not feel we needed budget items for AV.*
 - *Increase in gift cards for the photo contest.*
 - *Summer picnic no cost using free shelter and Holiday party no additional expenses.*
 - *Call for vote for tentative budget with final budget vote at April steering committee meeting, seconded and all approved.*

Activities Krisanne Schmidt

Past activities:

- Day hikes

Upcoming activities:

- North Eastern State Trail Bikepacking Trip
- South Manitou Island Backpacking/Day Hiking Trip

Bylaws Karen Haroutunian

- *Shared bylaws for discussion about possible change in the steering committee to combine some of the positions. See new business.*

Education Carol McCririe

- Beginning Backpacking Workshop
- Wilderness First Aid
- Basic Land Navigation with tentative dates to be finalized, then announced for signups.
 - *Carol reserved the church classroom for 3 lecture dates with Wanda to be approved by the church tonight. Jeff can reserve the cabin in April.*

Equipment Chair Jeff McWilliams

- Getting prepared for the Beginner Backpacking workshop
 - *Checking equipment like the water filters*
 - *Color coding the backpacks and sleeping bags for women vs. men*

Historian Leslie Cordova

- No report

Membership Dana Buxton

- I cannot attend the 3/18 SC meeting, but will be present at the 3/25 general meeting.
- 101 Current annual members
- 2 new members since the last report (via Meetup)
- 2 renewals since the last report
- 13 Renewal emails sent (marked in yellow on the roster, will be moved to delete tab if no response in a couple of weeks)
- Also, I sent email to approximately 400 Solar members reminding them of the 50th Solar Anniversary Weekend.
- *Questions: Will Dana see the new signup for Beginning Backpacking Workshop new members to add to the roster? Mary D-W cc's Dana on all these payments.*

- *Auto pay: Mary D-W sends back \$6, and reminds then new fee \$15 on website.*

Programs Bev Wozniak

- March - Mike Hobig, Riding the Rails Along the Rio Grande
- April - Elections! AND social activity FUN! Prizes!
- Who makes up the ballot? Laura will make the ballot. *And who counts the ballot? Past presidents usually count the ballots.*
- We need ballot box
- Do we need audio/visual for social activity? *Bev will need the AV equipment.*
 - President: Mary Winkler
 - Vice President: Tim Davis
 - Secretary:
 - Treasurer: Carol McCririe
 - Activities: Krisanne Schmidt
 - Bylaws:
 - Education: Laura Miller
 - Equipment: Jeff McWilliams
 - Historian:
 - Membership: Dana Buxton
 - Programs:
 - Public Relations:
 - Communications:
 - Webmaster: Stacie Kitchen
- May - Jeffrey Schiffman, from Clinton River Watershed Council, Paddling the Clinton River
- Picnic: Saturday, June 7th, Noon, shelter by Heavner Canoe Rental
 - BYO, food, drink, chair, gear swap
 - Activities? Hike leader to ask last year's leader, Mt.Bike leader Bev to ask last year's leader

Public Relations Jim Kadlubowski

- Solar had a wonderful presence at this year's QAS thanks to the club's awesome volunteers.
- The PR Chair thanks everyone involved for their efforts, which allowed him to go wrangle sled dogs at the Copper Dog 150 up in Calumet and Copper Harbor.

Communications Chair Open Jeff McWilliams reported

- Presentation Live Streaming. Streaming the last meeting did not go well. Unbeknownst to me at the time, Spotify launched on my laptop in the background and started running ads. The audio from the ads was being mixed by our streaming tool, Streamyard, into the livestream, even though it gave no indication in the streaming control panel that this was happening. People complained. I couldn't figure out the source of the problem, even temporarily interrupting the speakers to see if the problem was on Bev's laptop. Eventually I canceled and deleted the Livestream because it was useless. I've added to my personal setup notes: No browser tabs or other noise making apps can be open when streaming, and to double check for those. I've also uninstalled Spotify from my laptop.

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 Hi, This is your last chance to have Solar reserve your...	Boost	Wed Mar 12, 1:03pm	72	1	1	0	0
 Hi Everyone, Solar Outdoors is 50! We are planning a...	Boost	Mon Mar 10, 12:05p...	136	5	5	0	0
 Riding the Rails along the Rio Grande Solar friends in...	Boost	Wed Mar 5, 3:54pm	28	4	4	0	0
 Riding the Rails along the Rio Grande Solar friends in...	Boost	Wed Mar 5, 3:51pm	314	20	16	4	0
 Come visit us at the Quilt Adventure Symposium in E...	Boost	Sat Mar 1, 8:54am	489	48	44	3	1
 [02/26/2025] Promoting Solar Outdoors	Boost	Fri Feb 28, 1:21pm	3.1K	—	—	—	—
 Time is quickly running out to register for the Begin...	Boost	Fri Feb 28, 1:00pm	24	1	1	0	0
 Time is running out to register for the Beginner Back...	Boost	Fri Feb 28, 1:00pm	221	14	14	0	0
 The Solar Outdoors club will be celebrating its 50th a...	Boost	Fri Feb 21, 10:00am	140	3	3	0	0
 Solar is still looking for members to volunteer to nagn...	Boost	Wed Feb 19, 1:57pm	127	4	4	0	0
 If you've only dreamed of putting on a backpack and ...	Boost	Wed Feb 19, 9:45am	30	5	4	1	0
 If you've only dreamed of putting on a backpack and ...	Boost	Wed Feb 19, 9:41am	783	22	17	0	5
 We are having fun in the winter at Heritage Park in Pa...	Boost	Sun Feb 16, 2:18pm	365	26	25	1	0
 General Meeting and presentation about Rt. Maritima L...	Boost	Thu Feb 13, 11:49am	0	—	—	—	—
 Mid-Winter Outing/Get Together (Heritage Park/Farm...	Boost	Thu Feb 13, 11:23am	0	—	—	—	—

Webmaster Stacie Kitchen

- I won't be at the online meeting. Haven't been feeling well. Still can't get rid of this sinus infection and wake up with the worst headaches because of it.
- I did get everyone's request about the changes to the website and will take care of it asap on a day I'm not going insane with the headaches.

Unfinished Business

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New Business

- Laura noticed on Meetup that we have our old logo. How can we change it to the new logo?
Carol contacted Meetup when we changed our name and logo. They did not respond to this information. She will contact them again to see if she can get Meetup to change the name and

new logo.

- *Question asked if we were going to have a September meeting with the 50th anniversary party in September. To discuss with the new board.*
 - *Discussion about combining some of the steering committee positions and what their roles are. Combine the positions of Bylaws and Historian with the same name; Communications and Public Relations combined under the name Public Relations which includes social media.*
 - *Carol moved to a vote for the name changed, seconded and all present approved this change.*
- *Bev suggested if we can each think about if we know someone who might be good on the steering committee and ask them individually to run for a position.*

Next meeting Tuesday, at 7 pm on April 22, 2025

Meeting Adjourned 8:07 pm.

Meeting minutes notes taken by Laura Miller.

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