

Solar Outdoors

Steering Committee Minutes

Date: 5/21/2024

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm

Note: Agenda is in regular font

Italic writing is additional information at the meeting



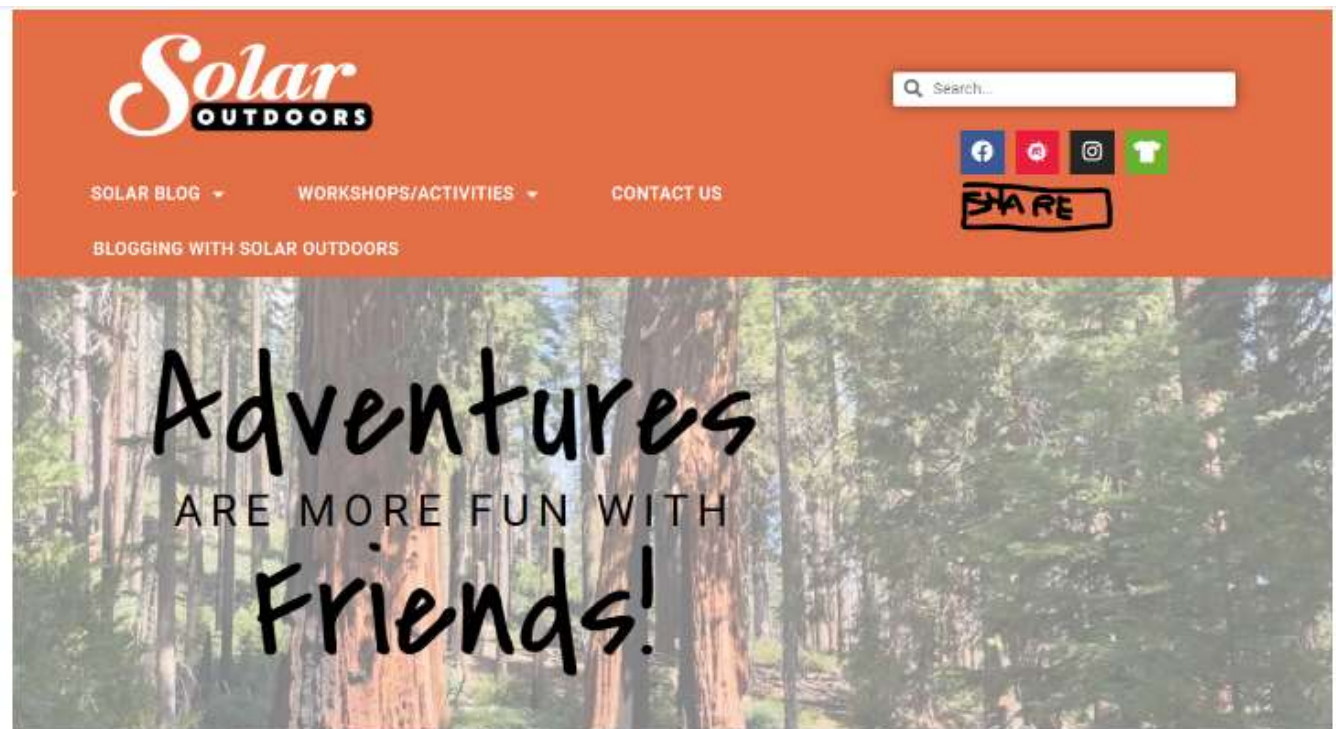
Quorum members present: Mike Hobig, Laura Miller, Jon Single, Jeff McWilliams, Carol McCririe, Bev Wozniak, Dana Buxton, Karen Haroutunian, Tim Davis, Mary Winkler, Jim Kadlubowski, Stacie Kitchen

Others present: None

Minutes approved by all present.

President Mike Hobig to Mary Winkler

- I met with Mary yesterday and realized that there was an item that we have let drop out of old business, an item of social media development.
- We talked about a button on Facebook or our website for submission / contribution, Stacie this would be on you for development but I think the SC would have to approve.
- This is what I think it might look and function as: A "share"" button or box added to our pages, when picked, would take you to a page with a contribute box and message with a "Share" button. This page might have a title or description like:
- Thank you for sharing your adventures with us, please include a short description and up to three images that we can add to our Facebook and Blog area. Type text and place pictures in the box and then press "Submit to Solar", the steering committee will review, approve and post your story. Thank you.



- Stacie's response: I'll see if it can be done anymore with adding a message in the share button. Additional response: The share button won't allow it to be posted on the Solar FB page or group pages only yours or a friends wall.
- Additional responses: I know what sharing is. The issue isn't the user's privacy. What Mike is asking for is a share button that allows anyone using the Website to add content to the Solar Outdoors page on FB via a "Share" button. Because we don't allow non-admins to put content on our FB page, it implies that the content would appear as if it was posted by an admin, even if in reality it was just some automation that you've scripted together between the web and the facebook API. The ISSUE, is that it once again opens the club up to being liable/responsible for whatever content gets posted. We had a costly copyright violation in the past that the club was forced to pay for (upwards of \$700.00). The people that were around when that happened remembers, and it's why there is such huge resistance to go down that path again.

Right now we're VERY paranoid about what we post on the FB page. Easily 90% of it is our own content about upcoming meetings and workshops. Any images that get posted/shared are either original, or loyalty free from sites like Pexels.

Is your Share button implementation going to put the content in a queue until one of the Solar SC admins can approve or reject it? Taking down content that could get us into trouble, after the fact, is a non-starter so far as I'm concerned.

So even if you add content or a photo when you hit the share button it won't effect the Solar Page.

- *We are going to continue with the current process. We just need to have the communication chair to make the membership know.*

Vice President Mary Winkler to Tim Davis

- From Mary: I met with Mike about the transition to Prez. I had a side conversation with Krissanne about planning a Bikepacking trip (suggested on the Google Group). She hooked me up with Eric Braun, who volunteered to take lead on the planning. I had a side conversation with Stacie about the Blog section of our website, her vision, and or other ideas (that need to be developed). Bev and I had a side conversation about a Trivia night that will be scheduled. (*Mike said I should report the side conversations that show I'm involved.

Secretary Laura Miller

- Sent out call for reports with google meet link for steering committee meeting and April steering committee meeting minutes, after receiving reports, sent out an agenda for the meeting

Treasurer Jon Swingle to Mary Donahue-Wold

- Cash in the bank as of May 13, 2024 is \$12,465.16.
- The Statement of Activity through May 13, 2024 is attached.
- From Mary D: I met with Jon to regarding my transaction to the treasurer position. While we were meeting he sent the report. I won't be at the meeting as I will be leaving for a 2 week trip to England on Saturday. I feel it might be prudent to not

Activities Krisanne Schmidt

Past activities:

- Day Hikes

Upcoming activities:

- Day Hikes
- Hocking Hills Memorial Day Weekend
- Fife Lake Backpacking Trip June 21-23
- Possible N. Manitou Backpacking Trip (July – mentioned/not finalized)
- Possible Pictured Rocks backpacking trip (Fall(?) - mentioned/not finalized)
- Possible bikepacking trip (Eric Braun and/or Mary Winkler)
- Possible trip to stay at lighthouse property (May or June)- (Member researched but having trouble finding anyone to plan this)
- upcoming trip to the ADK

Bylaws Karen Haroutunian

- No report

- *Karen reviewed the bylaws about the start of new committee meeting members which states new committee members are active after the election at the next steering committee meeting.*

Education Carol McCririe

- Beginning Backpacking workshop finished up – Krisanne will recognize participants at meeting.
- The sailing workshop classroom session was last month, 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. There are two cost options - \$15 if you provide your own kayak and \$50 to include kayak rental.
- Mountain Biking workshop – Eric Braun will be leading this the day of the picnic at 2 pm. The cost is a \$10 donation payable by check or cash the day of the event.
- Bicycle cleaning and tuning basics workshop – Eric Braun will be hosting this workshop on June 8th.
- Intermediate BP workshop – Dave Warnecke will be leading this workshop, and I am waiting on details for September dates. I have advised Dave to get these to me so that I can get the request to the church. The committee only meets once per month, so I hope to get the request in for the May meeting.
- Beginning Land Navigation – Jeff McWilliams is again leading this workshop in October. dates have been submitted to the church for approval. They meet the same night as the SC meeting, and Wanda has indicated to me that the dates should be okay.
- I am having an issue with Meetup, and I don't know how to resolve it. In the past, when I published activities, it would ask me if I wanted to send it out. I would say yes, and it would go out to the Solar google group. I would see it in my email shortly after. This has not been happening. I published the kayak workshops as well as both biking workshops, but I have not seen any notifications in my email nor has anyone signed up. I am worried that there is an issue that I don't know how to fix, and members are not receiving notifications. I have gone into the event and clicked on the Share link to send out an email to Solar; however, when the screen comes up, it will not allow me to click on the email option. When I go into the app on my phone, I can see the events that are there except for the bike cleaning and tuning basics workshop. If there is anyone that can assist me or know more about Meetup than I (probably everyone 🤔🤔).
- *Discussion about the Meetup issue about if membership is getting emails about announcements. Carol and Krisanne have discussed this, but haven't figured it out yet. If anyone has any thoughts, please let everyone know. Jeff McWilliams is going to announce on Facebook.*

Equipment Chair Jeff McWilliams

- Gear Donations: Mike Hobig donated a Bear Vault BV400 hard-sided bear resistant food canister, and a Ursak kevlar (soft-sided) bear resistant food canister. The BV400 is currently on loan to a member along with some other gear.
- Gear damage/maintenance:
During the Beginner Backpacking workshop weekend at Brighton State Park, our 1-person Big Agnes tent (TNT-31) was found to have a zipper on the outer rain fly that doesn't work properly, preventing the vestibule from being closed during poor weather conditions. It's not something I was able to fix in the field. Zipper sliders fail, especially the small #3 zipper sliders used on ultralight tents. I had two zipper sliders fail on my TarpTent while in Death Valley in January 2020 due to the fine sand. I view this as a "normal wear and tear" on tents like this although this is the

first occurrence we've seen in some time. Using Gear-Aid Zipper Cleaner and Lubricant can help extend the life of zipper sliders on lightweight tents.

- When I get the tent back from Krisanne I will first contact Big Agnes and see if they are willing to repair or replace the rainfly with the broken zipper slider. If they are not, I will look into doing the repair myself or done by a local professional (seamstress). I may also purchase several bottles of Gear-Aid Zipper Cleaner & Lubricant and apply it to the zippers on our most-used tents to extend their service life. These would be the Big Agnes tents.
- Also, after a night of rain Krisanne and I also noted that this tent's rainfly was wetted out and took the longest of all the tents in the field to dry. I may consider purchasing and applying NikWax "SolarProof" spray-on waterproofer and UV blocker to this fly to restore its ability to shed water.
- This tent was purchased in 2018 along with two 2-P Big Agnes tents. A new Big Agnes Copper Spur 1 cost \$429.00
- *Jeff to contact Big Agnes about the zipper and will keep us updated.*

Historian Leslie Cordova

- No report and she is not able to attend the meeting.

Membership Dana Buxton

- 114 current paid annual members
- 6 new members joined at the last meeting
- 5 renewed at the last meeting
- 2 new members since the last meeting
- 363 Lifetime Members
- *Dana sent out the new roster to the steering committee meeting tonight.*
- *Members need to join Meetup to help track their annual membership or keep track on their own to renew their membership.*
- *Dana reported that when anyone joins their membership is one year from the day they join. On Meetup or Paypal, they can sign up for reoccurring renewal of membership.*

Programs Bev Wozniak

- May: Open item for Joan: \$75 speaker fee, new treasurer is out of town, has it been taken care of?
- June: Picnic planned
- July: Bob Tacy - 1970's Trivia
- *Bev asking about how the reimbursement for speaker fees and payment to Joan Young. The club needs their home address to send a check. Jon will do the reimbursement check for Joan.*
- *Joan did not agree to a live stream or recorded. It is only an in person presentation.*
- *Jeff edited the posts to let people know that it is an in person only presentation.*
- *Discussion about asking specifically for each part: can we live stream the presentation, yes or no?; can we recorded and have on Facebook for future viewing, yes, or no?*

Public Relations Jim Kadlubowski

- Nothing to report

Communications Chair Open

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Webmaster Stacie Kitchen

- Updating website and links are completed.

- Updating Committee information and pictures this coming weekend (may 17-19th).
- Also, I may not be able to make the Committee meeting on the 21st. Have a school trip I need to drive and internet does get sketchy when I'm in Meridian.

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

- I'd like to propose a policy change for lending gear.
Our costs to store, maintain, and replace gear has risen significantly in the past few years. Club members put in a lot of time running trips and workshops in order to raise money to pay for the club's yearly expenses including the cost for gear & gear maintenance.
- Policy change:
Gear cannot be borrowed on behalf of friends. Borrowed club gear is for your personal use only. Families: since the club no longer offers a family membership, adults within the same family must have paid individual memberships & gear usage fees if said adults are borrowing gear. The only exception is for a parent or guardian to borrow gear (like a sleeping bag) to be used by a minor in their immediate family, living in their household.
- This will require amending the equipment use agreement, which is already quite wordy and lacks space for additional rules.
- I'd also like to have some open discussion about what duration is considered unreasonable for borrowing gear.
- On the equipment use form, it states, "The length of time that equipment will be borrowed is determined by the equipment chairperson and borrowing member. Generally, the equipment is due at the monthly S.O.L.A.R. meeting immediately following the activity, or returned to the equipment chairperson within 5 days of the activity."
- It has recently come to my attention that someone is seeking to borrow a backpack and possibly other items for several months, although that person has yet to contact me directly about this. While it is certainly within my discretion, as the form states, to reject a request to borrow gear for extended periods of time, I'd like to gather input from other SC members on whether we should have something more concrete than that in writing, as a guide to both members as well as current and future Equipment Chairpersons.
- Google Meet invitation and saying yes gets you into the meeting without having to be admitted.
Laura to try to change the meeting security so people don't have to be admitted to the Google Meet.
- *In the past, the equipment loaned needed to be returned within two weeks and only members can use borrowed equipment. Suggestion of a late fee if not returned on time. Jeff to rewrite the equipment loan policy and present at next month's steering committee meeting.*
- *Stacie asked how much are people ordering from Café Press. Laura said she wanted shirts or jackets that she can wear when outside that is not cotton. Stacie can put something together that we can create our own specific items. She needs to see what the payment methods it will use to link to our Solar account.*
- *Stacie shared this website: Printful.com is a free site that we can create a page that can link to our Solar website. She suggested we look at it and then we could continue forward. Continue this discussion next month.*

Next meeting Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 7 pm

Meeting Adjourned at 7:5 pm.

Meeting minutes notes taken by Laura Miller.