



Solar Outdoors

Steering Committee Minutes

Date: 5/20/2025

Meeting called to order at 7:06pm

Note: Agenda is in regular font

Italic writing is additional information at the meeting

Quorum members present: Mary Winkler, Tim Davis, Jim Kadlubowski, Jeff McWilliams, Laura Miller, Mary Donahoe-Wold, Dana Buxton, Beverly Wozniak.

Others present: None

Minutes: April 22, 2025 Steering Committee Meeting Minutes approved by all present.

President Mary Winkler

- I reminded outgoing officers to contact newbies. I directed Patricia McKane to speak with Laura about becoming Secretary. She's out of town this month but hopefully we'll hear positively when she returns.
- Sent email about results of the elections and call for volunteers for the open positions.

Vice President Tim Davis

- No report

Secretary Laura Miller to Open

- Laura sent out election results and asked for volunteers for the open positions.
- Sent out calls for reports, created agenda and sent out agenda with April Steering Committee minutes to review for approval and the updated membership roster.

Treasurer Mary Donahue-Wold to Carol McCririe

- Our current bank balance is \$13,402.32
- Luckily, most of the outstanding fees from the 50 Anniversary campsite rentals have been

deposited! *Two more payments have come in and one outstanding campsite left.*

Activities Krisanne Schmidt

Past activities:

- Day Hikes

Upcoming activities:

- North Eastern State Trail Bikepacking Trip, June 13-15, 2025 **Canceled due to trail closed due to ice storm last winter**
- South Manitou Island Backpacking/Day Hiking Trip, July 3-7, 2025

Bylaws/Historian: New Combined positions of Karen Haroutunian and Leslie Crodova to Jeff Groosklaus

- Thank you Karen and Leslie for your volunteering your time for the Steering Committee
- Karen will talk to Jeff G about bylaws responsibilities when is back in town.
- No report from Leslie.

Education Carol McCririe to Laura Miller

- Carol to meet with Laura when she returns from her trip to go over the education chair responsibilities.
- Beginners Land Nav in fall 2025
- Wilderness First Aid on Oct. 25-26, 2025.

Equipment Chair Jeff McWilliams

- *Jeff is waiting for the beginner backpacking workshop participants to return gear from the workshop.*
- *Discussion about raising the equipment fee and late fees.*
- *Jeff is in the process of moving the previous facebook presentations to youtube before they are gone from facebook.*
- *Dana has created a square account for payments for memberships fee and would like to do this for the equipment fee. Jeff takes a check currently or they have already paid the fee earlier in the year. The security deposit still is a check and only cashed if damage has occurred to equipment.*

Membership Dana Buxton

- 98 Total Annual Membership
- 1 new members since last meeting
- 5 renewals since last meeting / 11 non-renewals
- Sent renewal email to 16 members for memberships that expire at the end of May
- *Lifetime members continue to be on the roster.*
- *Paypal is still doing the autorenewal at the \$6 fee. Members are email about the fee increase to \$15.*

Programs Bev Wozniak to Open

- Thank you Bev for your volunteering your time for the Steering Committee.
- Bev scheduled:
 - 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. Speaker will be bringing*

his computer and would like a table for some materials.

- *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: 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 (Bev and Jeff will not in attendance and need computers as well as someone to stream)*

Public Relations/Communications: New Combined positions from Jim Kadlubowski and open to David Warnecke

- *Jim tried to get some information in the Ann Arbor Observer and they only take information/activities for events in Washtenaw County.*

Webmaster Stacie Kitchen

- *Website is update on membership page and minutes page.*
- *Lastly I have to do is update the committee page.*

Unfinished Business

- *Carol to check about our new logo being updated with Meetup. She previously sent information, but will follow up to see why they have not done it.*

New Business

- *Membership form to print on the website still has a \$6 fee, not our current membership fee of \$15.*
- *50th Anniversary Committee is finalizing details for the weekend events, costs and plan to have a flyer to email to members as well as at the picnic on June 7th.*
- *Mary W-D. shared this meeting space information that we may want to check out as well, at some future date. <https://www.soldcalljim.com/community-corner> for workshops. Tim Davis is going to look into it.*
- *Solar workshops and activities need to be up to date. We need to figure out if where the breakdown is to get it updated.*
- *Discussion about moving the general membership meetings at Craft Brew City on Orchard Lake. We were given a tour of the room. Pros/cons were discussed about:*
 - *Limited parking,*
 - *Noise levels,*
 - *Equipment storage unit needing to be moved,*
 - *The increase in cost for the rental,*
 - *What to do about the holiday party,*
 - *Where would we hold workshops lectures*
 - *No decisions were made, everyone was to consider what was discussed to continue at the next meeting.*

Next meeting June 17, 2025.

Meeting Adjourned 8:44 pm

Meeting minutes notes taken by Laura Miller.

