



Solar Outdoors

Steering Committee Minutes

Date: 10/22/2024

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm

Note: Agenda is in regular font

Italic writing is additional information at the meeting

Quorum members present: Mary Winkler, Tim Davis, Leslie Cordova, Jeff McWilliams, Dana Buxton, Mary Donahue-Wold, Beverly Wozniak, Krissane Schmidt

Others present: *None*

Minutes approved from August and September needed corrections and will be sent for approval at the next steering committee meeting in November, 2024.

President Mary Winkler

- Nothing new to report

Vice President Tim Davis

- Nothing to report
- *Laura was absent and Tim filled in as secretary and took notes.*

Secretary Laura Miller

- Sent out a call for reports and sent out the agenda on Monday with minutes from August and September as well as the current membership roster.

Treasurer Mary Donahue-Wold

- She will send her report Monday night.
- *Reported on difficulties with Meetup payments – Issues during Basic Land Nav sign ups*

- *Krisanne reported issues with Meetup payments as well. Tim agreed (had issues with trip signups).*
- *Discuss using Square as an application to use for activity payments – Goes straight to Solar account (like Meetup – but membership status/info not attached).*
- *Dana, Mary and Carol to work to look at alternative payment methods.*
- *Hard to keep our books updated since there are payments that are unaccounted for.*

Activities Krisanne Schmidt

Past activities:

- Day hikes

Upcoming activities:

- Lake Ann in January hosted by Carol McCririe
- *Authorization for payment on Solar card by Krisanne*
- *Dana volunteered to copy activity calendar for Krisanne since she will not be in attendance at next weeks general meeting.*

Bylaws Karen Haroutunian

- No report
- She will not be able to attend the meeting.

Education Carol McCririe

- Basic Land Navigation- classroom sessions were on 10/10 and 10/17. Last one on 10/24, followed by practical 10/26-27.
- No other workshops on books.
- She is in Italy and will not be attending the meeting.

Equipment Chair Jeff McWilliams

- A former member to donate some used gear, books, and maps.
- There were a few older backpacks, one old sleeping bag, two tents, a few rain jackets (kid sized), and a LOT of books and maps. There was an adult sized rain jacket and pair of rain pants but they were in terrible condition and were thrown away.
- I'm still going through the items to see what we can offer at the gear swap. I don't think any of the items are worth keeping as part of the club's equipment.
- The backpacks, rain gear, and the sleeping bag smell musty and will need cleaning to even be presentable at a gear swap. I'm working on it, but I'm busy running the Basic Land Nav workshop at the moment.

Historian Leslie Cordova

- No report.

Membership Dana Buxton

Membership Report

- 1 renewal since last meeting
- 2 new members since last meeting
- 2 Non-renewals

- 122 members with dues up to date
- *Had a kickoff meeting for the 50th reunion – Dana, Mary and Laura. Working on budget, and other items*
- *Discuss increasing membership dues – Need to have more discussions about this.*

Programs Bev Wozniak

- October: Don Tezlaff presents his Camino adventure
- November: outside speaker, John Hartig, Rouge River Revived-history of the Rouge
- Friday, December 6, Holiday Party; *Are these hours sufficient? (5pm for setup, party starts at 6pm and ends prematurely? At 9pm) Gear swap table included – mentioned in announcement as well as BYO Food and drink.*
- January 2025 - Photo contest; *Will we have a presentation at the same meeting as the photo contest? TBD*
- She will not be able to attend the meeting.

Public Relations Jim Kadlubowski

- I don't have anything to report for PR this month.
- Unfortunately, most of my time this month has been spent either on the road or off of it and under my car, fixing the damn thing. I am not sure if I will make the SC online meeting this coming week either. I will be in Cincinnati all week. I am trying to install a VPN on a suitable traveling PC and if I get it all to work (the PC isn't very good but that's why I want it for just road trips) I will be able to attend. If not, I should be at the general meeting the following week.

Communications Chair Open

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Webmaster Stacie Kitchen

- Nothing new to report.

Unfinished Business

- *Topic: Fees. No decision yet on whether to raise membership fees.*
- *Discussion in depth regarding raising membership fees and gear rental fees*
- *Tim to get quotes for 3 locations to use for general membership meetings*
- *Jeff to get quotes for 3 locations for gear rental fees*
- *Group vote was approved to raise general membership fee to \$15 per year (effective Jan 1, 2025). Inform members during January general membership meeting (photo contest).*
- *Discussions on lack of activities and how to encourage members to lead trips and offer workshops.*

New Business

- *Raising gear rental fees to cover cost of storage – Jeff to report findings on other organizations fees for gear rental*

- *Use other apps to pay for activities instead of using Meetup – Mary, Carol and Dana to report*

Next meeting Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2024 at 7 pm.

Meeting Adjourned 8:12 pm.

Meeting minutes notes taken by Tim Davis.

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