



Solar Outdoors

Steering Committee Minutes

Date: 9/17/2024

Meeting called to order at. 7:05 pm

Note: Agenda is in regular font

Italic writing is additional information at the meeting

Quorum members present: Laura Miller, Jeff McWilliams, Krisanne Schmidt, Dana Buxton, Karen Haroutunian, Tim Davis, Beverly Wozniak, Mary Winkler, Mary Donahue-Wold,

Others present: None

Minutes approved: Laura did not have with her on vacation and did not have the August minutes with her to send out for review. They will have to be reviewed and approved at the October meeting.

President Mary Winkler

- Reminders have gone out for Solar licensing and financial reports.
- I will pick up audio equipment for the meeting. I collected \$136 last month at Solar's meeting for Phil Crooshank's memorial.

Vice President Tim Davis

- Nothing to report

Secretary Laura Miller

- Sent out a call for reports and sent out an agenda on 9/16/2024 at 8 pm.

Treasurer Mary Donahue-Wold

- Bank balance on 8/31/2024 is \$12,636.31.

Activities Krisanne Schmidt

Past activities:**Upcoming activities:**

- Pictured Rocks backpacking trip (October 4-6)
- Lake Ann annual trip (planning usually begins in October)

Bylaws Karen Haroutunian

- No changes to the Bylaws.

Education Carol McCrie

- I'm packing up the cottage to head home tomorrow, and can't access my computer.
- My report hasn't changed much other than the Hammock Workshop wrapped up. Eight people signed up, but only 4 were able to attend. Jeff was a wealth of information.
- I believe that the only other item was Basic Land Nav Workshop, Carol reserved the room for the lectures.
- *Discussion about other meeting rooms. Spicer House is not available any longer. Laura to see if there are other meeting rooms at the Heritage Park Nature Center building.*

Equipment Chair Jeff McWilliams

- I will be out of town for the September meeting.
- I've written up detailed instructions on how to set up the AV equipment and how to run the LiveStream, and sent it to Beverly, Jim K, and Bob Tacy.
- Don't be upset if you can't figure out how to successfully run the LiveStream in my absence. It's complicated and I haven't had time to identify a backup person whom I could train. I've barely figured out the full setup myself and we still work through minor "glitches" each time we set up for a presentation.
- *Mary W to pick up AV equipment for the meeting and Laura will help set it up. We will see if we set up the live stream for the presentation.*

Equipment stuff:

- The equipment list on the website now points to my "live" Google Doc. It's a better, tabbed organization than the old multi-page PDF, and it shows the current status of all equipment. *Thank you Jeff for all your work to get this up and running.*
- Following the conclusion of the Hammock Camping workshop, there is now a dedicated tab on the equipment list for hammock gear. (See image below).
- I used some of the Hammock Workshop funds to purchase a 3rd, lighter hammock (TNT-24), and I sewed a tarp (TP-16) to accompany it.
- I upgraded the suspensions on the old Hennessy Hammocks from their old tree strap and rope system to modern straps and cinch buckles, and all three hammocks now have under quilts, albeit synthetic ones.
- (UQ-1, UQ-2, UQ-3) UQ-3 was my personal underquilt before upgrading to a light down quilt this past spring. I don't need two hammock underquilts in my closet.
- I'm still making some adjustments to the new hammock & underquilt to prevent drafts by sewing some additional clip points. The participant who used this combo during the workshop reported that the underquilt tended to slip to the side, creating some cold drafts at night. The additional attachment points will make the setup more foolproof. I have something similar on my personal hammock setup.

Historian Leslie Cordova

- No report.

- Hiking the Long Trail cannot attend.

Membership Dana Buxton

- Membership Report
- 1 renewal since last meeting
- 2 new members since last meeting
- 3 non-renews
- 122 annual members
- I have been sending emails to those whose memberships have expired in a blind cc to remind them to renew.
- *Bev shared from the treasurer information: One member paid with Stripe on Meetup, but can't get on Meetup. Other new members paid on Meetup with Paypal.*

Programs Bev Wozniak

- Getting back into communication after being gone over the weekend....
- September: Jeff will not be at the meeting so unless someone steps in for him, Dave and Moe's presentation will be 'live only'. Publication about the meeting should be updated to reflect this. (FB, Meetup, etc.)
- October: Don Tezlaff will present about hiking the Camino
- *November a presenter from Canada on advocacy on the Rouge River Revival*
- December 6th, Friday, Holiday Party
- Laura: ? about the Photo Contest in January to start advertising the date and categories on Facebook and Google Groups.
- *January meeting will be to setup and access Meetup, Google Groups, etc with members after the photo contest.*
- *February meeting speaker, Stacie and Vince Sadowski about North Manitou Island.*

Public Relations Jim Kadlubowski

- *Not present at the steering committee meeting.*

Communications Chair Open

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Webmaster Stacie Kitchen

- Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

New Business

- *Laura set up a 50th Anniversary Party planning committee meeting for before the next meeting, Sept. 24 from 6-6:30 pm.*
- *Mary D-W brought up a possible change in location for meeting at a Brewery (Orchard Lake and 696) that has a meeting room for 80 people which is free rent as long as we spend \$500 in food and drinks or \$150 to rent the room. Discussion about if this would be a good idea to attach new and younger members Some other groups did meet and greets at a restaurant, maybe supplemental to the monthly meeting at a variety of places for a group of 12 to 24*

people. We could have a signup genius to know the number of people coming and to check with the restaurant to make sure we can still have separate bills. It could be loud in a room off a restaurant. Someone would need to be the host for the night. The details need to be worked out and should be scheduled like an activity. Mary would host one in Oct.

Next meeting Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2024 at 7:00 pm virtually.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Meeting minutes by Laura Miller.