



Solar Outdoors

Steering Committee Minutes

Date: 6/17/2025

Meeting called to order at. 7:02 pm

Note: Agenda is in regular font

Italic writing is additional information at the meeting

Quorum members present: Mary Winkler, David Warneke, Stacie Kitchen, Laura Miller, Carol McCririe, Jeff McWilliams, Lorraine Syc, Jeff Grossklaus

Others present: None

Minutes approved error fixed with Cordova spelled wrong. Minutes approved by all present.

President Mary Winkler

- I initially spoke with Lorraine and Hanne about the 2 open positions. Yay!
- The storage key was passed to Laura for the picnic supplies she needed.
- I stuck my nose into a few other pieces of website stuff and Anniversary stuff.
- Formal vote taken for new steering committee members for programs and secretary with yes by all present.

Vice President Tim Davis

- No report for VP
- Tim is out of town and will not be able to make the meeting.

Secretary Open to Hanne Skaarup

- Laura Miller acting secretary until the steering committee votes in volunteer Hanne Skaarup to start in July.
- Sent out a call for reports to create the agenda with the minutes from the May steering committee meeting to review for approval. Created and sent out an agenda for the steering committee meeting with May minutes, and the statement activity.

Treasurer Carol McCririe

- The books have been reviewed and corrected through June 14, 2025. Mary DW is mailing me the records, deposit stamp, and debit card and I do not have these yet.
- Our current cash balance is \$11,424.49. I have \$225 that has yet to be deposited, and I will do once I received the box from Mary.
- Through June 2025, we have a loss of (\$548). Here is how this breaks down when I net the workshops and activities -
 - Dues \$645
 - Backpacking \$624
 - Wilderness First Aid \$455
 - Lake Ann \$150
 - Bike Maintenance \$19
 - Donations \$95
 - Gear Fees \$245
 - Rental – storage and church (\$1,722)
 - Quickbooks fees (\$210)
 - MeetUp (\$179)
 - Website hosting and domain (\$103)
 - Program and event fees (\$125)
 - 50 th Anniversary – net for camping fees (\$340) – please note that there is still some monies to be collected
 - Equipment expenses (\$42)
 - Bank charges and office expenses (\$60)
- I am not sure if we ever established a budget for 2025, but I am going to search the minutes and work on this in the next month, along with a complete review of 2024 once I have the records.

Activities Krisanne Schmidt

No report provided.

Past activities:

Upcoming activities:

Bylaws/Historian Jeff Groosklaus

- By-Laws-
 - I have received the revised by-laws from Karen Haroutunian.
- Historian-
 - Nothing to report . I do not have access to the historical records. I will contact Leslie Cordova when she returns from her trip.
 - *Jeff G asked about what records he is supposed to keep. Dave is posting on the website. Jeff G and Mary W will meet to discuss who does what.*

Education Laura Miller

- Beginners Land Nav in fall 2025: Lecture 1 Thursday, Sept 18, Lecture 2 Thu, Sept 25, Lecture 3 Thu, October 2, Weekend Practical: October 11-12
- Wilderness First Aid on Oct. 25-26, 2025.
- Exploring a backpacking exercise/training workshop with a member.

Equipment Chair Jeff McWilliams

- We made \$25.00 selling donated/used gear at the picnic, which I will send to the treasurer.
- Gear borrowed for the beginner backpacking workshop has been returned, and I am loaning out gear to a few members for personal trips.
- Since I won't be at the July meeting, I'm passing along information to others to set up the AV system in my absence, but without streaming.
- *Jeff is going to working on an a late fee being added to the equipment loan form/policy this summer.*

Membership Dana Buxton

- Dana is out of the country and will not have a report this month.

Programs Lorriane (Lori) Syc

- Picnic was well attended on June 7th.
- July: Dave and Moe DeFrance: Africa: Part II (Bev and Jeff will not be in attendance and need computers as well as someone to stream) Mary W to pick up equipment from the storage unit. Jeff provided information about how to set up the equipment for presenting. No live stream for the July meeting.
- *September speaker: Ken Lemius with a college with another presenter on moose study. Discussion about whether we should have a September general membership meeting since we are having the 50th Anniversary Weekend. Vote to not have the September general membership. Lorianne is going to contact Ken to see if he can present at the August or October meeting.*
- *Carol clarified what to do with the Share the Love can cash, which is deposited into the club bank account.*

Public Relations/Communications David Warnecke

- David has successfully logged in to Facebook and Instagram.
- He attended and posted a message about the picnic at Heavner canoe pavilion.
- Jim passed the welcome board and accessories to me at the picnic.
- *David has questions about the direction of the steering committee and the club. Do we want to keep the current members happy, getting new members, workshop participants attending more club activities? Is the club growing, stagnant or shrinking?*
- *Mary W says PR is advertising and getting the club out in the committee.*
- *Carol says an issue is the club is aging out. How can we get younger people in and keep them coming?*
- *Laura suggested contacting the Boy Scouts who age out and the leadership and posting Solar Outdoors information at Heavner's Canoe/Kayak Rental locations.*
- *Need to get the calendar fuller with events and activities.*
- *Quiet Adventure Symposium discussed having a presentation in addition to the booth. We are not sure how many members we get from the booth. It is a good place to get ideas for programs to get speakers for our general membership meetings.*
- *Peabody's Ice Climbing weekend having the booth.*
- *Discussion about making more kid friendly activities.*
- *Carol M asked if REI has discontinued their workshops and loaning gear. Could we ask REI about having a club day on a weekend?*
- *David discussed getting current membership to lead events, activities, workshops so David can advertise the club.*
- *Jeff G said should we have a survey or explore what other clubs in the area offers vs what we offer.*

- *Jeff M discussion about how to get people to lead activities with some kind of incentive.*
- *David said co-leading worked once, then that member began to lead club activities. How can we expand this to get new people to learn how to lead and be comfortable with leading.*

Webmaster Stacie Kitchen

- Updates:
 - Calendar
 - Committee Names
 - Payment forms
 - Membership page
 - Workshop and Activities Page
- Waiting on:
 - a. A few Committee Members Bios and photos.

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. *Carol will follow up with Meetup and try to fix the name, logo and owner.*
- Membership form to print on the website still has a \$6 fee, not our current membership fee of \$15. **Stacie fixed.**
- 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. **Flyer emailed to members in Google Groups and paper copies at the June picnic. Laura will post on Facebook after the t-shirt bids are in and a company is chosen.**
- 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. *Tim is not in attendance, add the next month.*
- *Solar workshops and activities need to be up to date. We need to figure out if where the breakdown is to get it updated. The May calendar is on the website.*
- *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.*
 - *It is not an option at this time.*

New Business

- Paper membership form on website needs to have this section removed:
- Members' contact information is printed in a membership roster and made available to other **Solar Outdoors** members, unless otherwise requested. Please check if you DO NOT want any of the following published:

☐ Address
☐ Mobile Phone
☐ Home Phone
☐ Email Address

Next meeting Tuesday, July 22, 2025 at 7 pm virtually.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 pm

Meeting minutes notes taken by Laura Miller.

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