



Solar Outdoors

Steering Committee Minutes

Date: 10/21/2025

Meeting called to order at. 7:08pm

Note: Agenda is in regular font

Italic writing is additional information at the meeting

Quorum members present: Dana Buxton, Tim Davis, Carol McCririe, Jeff McWilliams, Laura Miller, Krisanne Schmidt, Hanne Skaarup, Dave Warnecki

Others present: none

Minutes approved: Motion made By Tim Davis, seconded by Laura Miller to accept the minutes with correction.

President Mary Winkler (absent)

- Been a slow month No report.
- I won't be able to join SC this month or the meeting at the church. Tim said he'd cover this for me.
- *Will not be at the General Meeting – Laura will lead in Mary's absence.*

Vice President Tim Davis

- .Filling in for Mary tonight
- Went to the Royal Oak Senior Center last week to view their newly renovated building. I looked at the large meeting room. Although it is a decent size, its layout doesn't seem to be a good fit for our monthly meetings. I am supposed to talk to the director this afternoon, and maybe I can go back and take some pics. Although the price is right, I'm not sure if it's in the right location. Their classrooms are nice, and we have used them in the past for Basic Land Nav, but the nightly cost for their use is too much for our budget right now.

- *Did check out the Royal Oak Senior and Tuesday evenings are unavailable, rates are set to go up in Jan 2026. Only the location is good. Will keep looking, Laura and Tim will meet at The Hawk to check out and to talk to the person in charge there.*

Secretary Hanne Skaarup

- Will send picture and bio to Stacie before meeting start.
- *Still outstanding task*

Treasurer Carol McCririe

- Following reports were sent out:
 - 2025 Budget to Actual Updated
 - Statement of Activity 10-20-25
- *The books have been updated through October 20, 2025. Our current cash balance is \$11,908.86.*
- *Through October 2025, we have a loss of (\$282), Statement of Activity attached. Here is how this breaks down when I net the workshops and activities -*
 - *Dues \$1,140*
 - *Backpacking \$624*
 - *Wilderness First Aid \$449*
 - *Lake Ann \$150*
 - *Bike Maintenance \$19*
 - *Donations \$512*
 - *Gear Fees \$350*
 - *Gear Sales \$450*
 - *Logo sales (mostly 50th anniversary shirts) \$30*
 - *Rental – storage and church (\$2,622)*
 - *QuickBooks fees (\$362)*
 - *Meetup (\$358)*
 - *Website hosting and domain (\$103)*
 - *Program and event fees (\$125)*
 - *50th Anniversary – net for camping fees (\$291)*
 - *Equipment expenses (\$42)*
 - *Bank charges and office expenses (\$83)*
 - *Annual state license (\$20)*
- *I updated the budget to actual through October 20th and included the approved adjustments from the July SC meeting.*
- *We are losing money because we have a reduced number of activities which generate revenue for us. Also Meetup has increased greatly in cost.*

Activities Krisanne Schmidt

Past activities: *Day Hikes*

Upcoming activities: *MLK Winter Weekend*

Tim will look into a winter rafting trip.

Bylaws/Historian Jeff Groosklaus (absent)

- Nothing to report for Historian/ By- Laws.
- I will not be in attendance for the Steering Committee meetings in October and November.

Education Laura Miller

- Wilderness First Aid Oct 24-25
- I am working on trying to get more workshops on the calendar.
- *Will send out email to past instructors requesting workshops.*

Equipment Chair Jeff McWilliams

- I have two Nemo tents (mentioned in a previous report) still in my possession with plans to set them up and test their waterproofing using my garden hose. Weekends have been busy, so I've been unable to execute on this plan to date.

Membership Dana Buxton

- 91 Total Annual Members
- 359 Lifetime Members
- 0 New members since 9/22
- 2 Renewals since 9/22
- 2 Non-renewals
- Sent renewal email to 9 members for memberships that expire in October
- I will not be at the Oct. General member meeting, would anyone like to fill in for me?
Carol will fill in for Dana at General Meeting.

Programs Lorriane (Lori) Syc

- Nothing to report
- *Laura will send email to discuss advertising,*

Public Relations/Communications David Warnecke

- I am doing a scouting trip into the Manistee National Forest, focusing mainly on the North Country Trail.
- This is in continuation to the trips I have done previously, where I am attempting to find sections of trail that would be suitable for more gentle backpacking trips.
- *Laura will send email to discuss advertising.*
- *Quest Adventure Symposium is on calendar, but the question asked is – should we attend? Are we getting benefit from attendance as it is in East Lansing?*
- *We missed the Yankee Park Chili Camping event. We may wish to join next year.*
- *Suggestion made that we put a sign up at the DNR – downtown Detroit, advertising our club.*
- *Suggestion was made to check out Heritage Park's activities and setting up a table.*

Webmaster Stacie Kitchen (absent)

Unfinished Business : none

New Business: none

Next Meeting Nov 18, 2025

Meeting Adjourned: 7:49pm

Meeting minutes notes taken by Hanne Skaarup