

Sedona Westerners General Membership Meeting September 10, 2015

Trail Boss Mary McCaffrey called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. The minutes of the 4/9/15 general membership meeting, posted on the web, were approved by the membership. After welcoming many new members and guests and asking them to introduce themselves, Mary thanked the officers for their hard work over the last four months and called on them to give their reports.

Officer Reports:

Foreman (Sue Taylor) (Detailed Report at end of Minutes)

Foreman's Report 9/10/2015

Starting Cash Balance	\$1,399.24
Income	6,608.81
Expenses	2,515.69
Ending Cash Balance	4,093.12

Hike Bosses Reports (Details at end of minutes)

Drover Boss (Cathy Lutz)

Ambler Boss (Chris Greene)

Dogie Boss (Tom Yager)

Tracker Boss (Helen Ducharme)

Mustang Boss (Mary McCarthy for Jeff Brumbaugh)

Roughrider Boss (Barbara O'Connor for Tom Blecha)

Cliff Walker (Paul Cooley)

Paul explained to new members that the Cliff Walker is also the Cultural Resource Education Coordinator who gives the Club guidance in approaching cultural and historic/Paleo-Indian sites with proper etiquette and respect.

Ranger (Paul Sullivan)

Paul noted he is the Forest Service liaison and reminded members that Charlie Schudson (Lookout) is the emergency assistance coordinator. He and Charlie are revising the list of telephone numbers and emails to contact should members see anything unusual, suspicious, or encounter an emergency. This list will be available for members so that they will know whom to contact in specific situations. Paul took a hand vote of the membership to have the Trail Boss vet the Forest Service notices for distribution.

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Round Up Boss (Brad Bell)

As the person responsible for soliciting articles on Sedona Westerner hikes and activities for the *Sedona Red Rock News*, Brad asked that members volunteer to write stories about hikes that will be submitted to him and edited for publication in the newspaper. He noted that Paul Cooley has taken on writing up articles on the SW speaker series and thanked him for his initiative.

Sunbeam (Marny Tibbets for Phyllis Elliott)

Sympathy cards were sent to Dot Heywood on the passing of her husband, Jim Heywood (June), to Marny Tibbets and her husband Wally on the loss of Wally's mother (July), to Horst Butz and his wife on the passing of their good friend and SW member Dennis Perry, and to Brad Kincaid and Piya Jacob on the loss of Piya's brother Thomas.

Get well cards were sent to the following: Phil Arndt who had surgery (June); John Losse who has tendinitis of the Achilles; Frank Will who had shoulder surgery (July), and Anne Allison who sprained her ankle (July).

Mickey Gershtenson received a thinking of you card.

Roberta and John Avery were sent a card on the loss of their dog Zoe.

The Westerner family expanded with lots of new grandchildren and great grandchildren. Jim and Linda Warren received a note of congratulations on the birth of their granddaughter. Dan and Janet Wheeler received a card on becoming great grandparents with the birth of a great grandson. John Schleich and Maureen Mathieu were sent a note of congratulations on the birth of a new grandson.

Chuck Wagon (Al Abbott)

Al requested help for the Fall Cookout and circulated a sign-up sheet for volunteers. He also asked for volunteers for cookies for the November meeting. Al thanked the following people for providing cookies for the September meeting: Mary and Michael McCaffrey, Debby and John Losse, Sue and Bob Taylor, Bob and Sue Dannert, Helen Ducharme, Jim and Linda Warren, Kevin and Barbara O'Connor.

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Members Passing:

Mary noted with sadness that since our last meeting two members had passed away: Jim Heywood and Dennis Perry. Jim Heywood died on June 15th of brain cancer. He and his wife Dot have been long-term members of the Sedona

Westerners and have been very active outdoor enthusiasts their entire lives. Dot is living in their home in Colorado now. Bob Dannert mentioned how much Jim and Dot enjoyed hiking, and mentioned that Dot would love to hear from members who knew her.

Dennis Perry died in a car accident on August 11th. Harry Grossman spoke about Dennis's dedicated service as tailgater on every Ambler hike over a period of two years. He never missed an Ambler hike in that time. Harry also shared several anecdotes about Dennis. Mary invited members to view the slide show that his friends had assembled and to chat at coffee break with Dennis's good friends Horst Butz, Harry Grossman, and Alan Gore and any other friends who might have recollections of Dennis.

Fall Cookout

Mary reminded the membership that the Fall Cookout will be held at the Elks Lodge on Thursday, October 8, 2015. Members may sign up on the website. This year the salads will be made by the membership. Mary invited members to volunteer to prepare potato salad, broccoli salad, or one type of cut fruit. She has provided two-gallon zip lock baggies for people to take one for whatever they are volunteering to bring. She will need 6 bags of potato salad, 6 bags of broccoli salad, and 8 bags of cut up fruit ready to be mixed together in a bowl: green grapes, strawberries, red grapes, watermelon, cantaloupe, pears, apples, bananas unpeeled.

Old Business

Meeting Change of Venue:

The November meeting and **all others** this year will be held at **St. John Vianney Church**. The current venue changed its policy on availability and has had to cancel its contract with the Westerners.

New Business

Mary stated that the Executive Committee met on August 31 and approved several changes to the Bylaws. Copies were made available for members to study. In accordance with the Bylaws, *a proposed change to the Bylaws shall be presented as*

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an informational item to the membership in written form at a General Membership Meeting. It will then be discussed and voted on at the next general Membership Meeting and become effective upon approval by a majority (50 + 1) of the members present.

The most important change is a proposed addition of a 7th hiking group. If approved, the Rustlers will meet Saturday mornings and do a hike of 3-6 miles over a period of 3-4 hours at a mostly easy or moderate level. This would involve changes to Articles 10 and 11.

The second change would eliminate the term Old Timer and leave the descriptive title currently in the Bylaws, Historian. This change involves Article 15.

The third proposed change involves Article 11 and would simplify the term *Holiday Seasonal Potluck Party* to *Holiday Party*. The expression is used once in the duties of the Trail Boss and twice in the duties of the Chuck Wagon Boss.

The fourth proposed change involves Article 11. Add "annually file the IRS form 990N to maintain our 501 (c) 7 tax exempt status" to the duties of the Foreman.

Break

Following the snack break, Wagon Boss Jim Warren introduced the speaker, Tom Martin, who made a lively presentation on the monumental retelling of the early runners of the Colorado River by Otis Reed "Dock" Marston. Marston was himself a skilled river runner and made many trips down the Colorado in Glen Canyon and the Grand Canyon in various types of riverboats. Tom Martin edited the manuscript of Marston's work, located in the Huntington Library. It was published as *From Powell to Power . A Recounting of the First One Hundred River Runners through the Grand Canyon* (Flagstaff, AZ: Vishnu Temple Press, 2014).

Trail Boss Mary McCaffrey adjourned the meeting at 8:46PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Losse
Wrangler

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Detailed Hike Reports for period immediately preceding September 10, 2015

Boss Name	Hike Group	Hike Name	Hike Date	HL Name	HCL Name
Chris Greene	Amblers	Mars Hill, Flagstaff	9/10/2015	Jodie Ball	
Tom Yager	Dogies	AZ Trail	9/8/2015	Don Kling	Jon Petrescu
Helen Ducharme	Trackers	None			
Jeff Brumbaugh	Mustangs	Harding Springs/Grandma's Cave	9/3/2015	Jeff Brumbaugh	Gini O'Brien
Tom Blecha	Rough Riders	Bear Jaw/Abineau	9/5/2015	Brad Bell	Mike Holmes
Cathy Lutz	Drovers	Fay Canyon	9/6/2015	Jon Petrescu	Terri Petrescu

Foreman's Report 9/10/2015

	7/1/15	9/10/15	9/10/15
<i>Starting cash balance</i>	1399.24		\$1,399.24
<i>Income 2015-2016 Season</i>			
Dues received		\$2,310.00	
Paypal dues		\$2,853.57	
Misc Income (picnic, books, badges)Donations		\$46.00	
Honorarium returned			
Total Income this period		\$5,209.57	\$6,608.81
Total Income this season			
<i>Expenses 2015-2016 Season</i>			
Insurance		\$2,097.69	
Fall Picnic/Cookout expenses			
Holiday Party		\$100.00	
Spring Picnic/Cookout			
Meeting room rental		\$250.00	
Sunbeam			
Chuck Wagon (mtg expense)			
Honorarium expense			
PayPal Expense (deducted from PayPal income,for acct purpose only)		\$117.60	
Nametags/Engraver			
Executive mtg expenses			
Old Timer expenses			
Miscellaneous expenses		\$68.00	

Total Expenses this period	\$2,515.69	\$4,093.12
Total Expenses this season		
<i>Ending Cash Balance</i>		\$4,093.12