

Sedona Westerners Fall Cookout/General Membership Meeting October 8, 2015

Trail Boss Mary McCaffrey called the meeting to order at 11:45 AM. She announced that although there was not usually a meeting at the Fall Cookout, the proposed changes to the bylaws announced for consideration at the September meeting necessitated convening the membership to vote as specified by the bylaws. She called for a voice vote on the four proposed changes as outlined in a document distributed at the September meeting and posted on the Sedona Westerner Website:

1) To amend the number of Hike Bosses to include the Rustler Boss to coordinate the Rustler hikes. These hikes will provide a half-day hiking experience on Saturday of from 3-6 miles (Article 10 and Article 11).

Approved by voice vote.

2) To change the current wording in Article 8 and 11 from "Holiday Season Potluck Party" to "Holiday Party".

Approved by voice vote.

3) To add "annually file the IRS 990N to maintain our 501 (c) 7 tax exempt status" to the duties of the Foreman (Treasurer) (Article 11)

Approved by voice vote.

4) To change "Old Timer" to "Historian" (Article 15).

Approved by voice vote.

After completion of the voting, Mary introduced the new Hike Boss of the Rustlers, Velma Henry, and the Assistant Hike Boss, Donna Bell. Mary announced that the first Rustler hike would take place on Saturday, October 10 at 9:00AM to Harding Springs.

Mary then thanked all the volunteers who brought the various salads and fruits and acknowledged the volunteers who setup, greeted, grilled, served, and cleaned up.

Finally Mary introduced the Recreational Staff Officer of the Red Rock Ranger Station Jennifer Burns. Ranger Burns in turn introduced Forrest Saville of the US Forest Service and requested that members who noticed anything unusual on the trails contact him. Ranger Burns noted that there was currently a proposal to add two new fee sites to the Red Rock Pass Program, Fay Trail Head and Dry Creek Trail Head. She requested feedback on this proposal from club members who should feel free to contact her.

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Next Mary asked Jennifer Young, President of Friends of the Forest, to speak. Jennifer listed a number of accomplishments of the organization including surpassing once again this year the annual number of volunteer hours (30,000) contributed to Friends of the Forest, obtaining grant funding for improvements in the A.B. Young Trail (\$10,000 coming from the Friends of the Forest Slide Fire funds, some from the Red Rock Trails funds); and efforts to convince geocache hobbyists to remove their geocaches from sensitive cultural and wildlife areas. The Ethnobotany walks will continue this year, and Jennifer will be recruiting for the position of Treasurer of Friends of the Forest and eventually for her replacement.

Mary gave members an overview of previous job titles used by Westerners, as found in old scrapbooks. In 1966, the Calico Queen was in charge of the guest book. That job morphed into being in charge of the food at meetings and cookouts and there was even once a Calico Prince. The Sedona Westerners had a Color Guard, a Chuckwagon Crew and a Campfire Boss. The person in charge of the sound system was the Coyote Caller.

Trail Boss Mary McCaffrey adjourned the meeting at 12:08PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Losse
Wrangler