

## **Sedona Westerners General Membership Meeting November 12, 2015**

Trail Boss Mary McCaffrey called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. The minutes of the 9/10/2015 general membership meeting and the Fall Cookout 10/08/2015, posted on the web, were approved by the membership. After welcoming many new members and guests and asking them to introduce themselves, Mary called on officers to give their reports.

### **Officer Reports:**

#### **Foreman (Sue Taylor) (Detailed Report at end of minutes)**

Foreman's Report

Starting Cash Balance	\$6,485.63
Income	\$ 983.32
Expenses	\$ 1,194.64
Ending Cash Balance	\$6,274.31

#### **Hike Bosses Reports (Details at end of minutes)**

Rough Rider Boss ( Tom Blecha) Tom acknowledged hike leaders and tailgaters and encouraged hikers to come out for the upcoming Secret Canyon Secrets hike and Sycamore Canyon Lollipop.

Tracker Boss (Helen Ducharme) Helen piqued our interest with the upcoming astronomy session at the Cooks' residence, but noted that there were no more openings. She also encouraged Westerners to sign up for the birding Tracker hike.

Rustler Boss (Velma Henry) Velma encouraged Amblers who are looking for an easier step-up hike to come to the upcoming Airport Loop/Brewer Trail hike.

Ambler Boss (Chris Greene) Chris mentioned that the upcoming Mayan Maiden hike was somewhat more difficult than other Ambler hikes and asked Amblers to study the web site to check on the level of difficulty for any of the future hikes.

Dogie Boss (Tom Yager ) Tom came equipped with umbrella and was given yet another umbrella as five hikes have had to be cancelled due to rain. He encouraged hikers to come out for upcoming Mushroom and Wilson Mountain hikes.

Mustang Boss (Jeff Brumbaugh) Jeff highlighted the upcoming Bear Paw and Bear Wallow/Mitten Ridge hikes. He thanked those who had filled in while he was away.

Drover Boss (Mary McCaffrey for Cathy Lutz) Mary asked hike leaders for Drover hikes to stand. She also noted that the upcoming Hangover hike would begin at 9:00AM because of length (7 miles).

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**Historian (John Losse)** John put in a plea for photos for the 2015-16 Sedona Westerners Scrapbook. He would like to have photos from all hiking groups. Please email photos to [jlosse@me.com](mailto:jlosse@me.com).

**Cliff Walker (Paul Cooley)** Paul spoke about the need for proper etiquette by hikers around ruin and sensitive cultural sites. He mentioned that the exemplary behavior of those who attended the recent John Heath Ruin Tracker hike. All hikers left sticks and backpacks outside the ruin area.

**Round Up Boss (Brad Bell)** Brad acknowledged those who had contributed articles that have been published to date in the Red Rock News: Michael McCaffrey (2 articles), Paul Cooley, Brad Bell, Jeff Fargo, Velma and Michael Henry, Linda Warren, Terri Petrescu, and Nora Hoffmans.

**Ranger (Paul Sullivan)** Paul mentioned that hike leaders were doing a good job ensuring that Westerners are hiking in groups limited to twelve. We need to remember not to congregate in large groups at lunch if we are on very public trails. The Sedona Westerners have a very good relationship with the U.S. Forest Service, one well worth maintaining.

**Lookout (Charlie Schudson)** Charlie also reminded us of the importance of keeping our hiking groups at twelve in order not to interfere with the peace and quiet of other hikers. He noted too that we are the eyes and ears of the U. S. Forest Service.

**Prospector (Mary McCaffrey for Kevin O'Connor)** Mary reported that we now have 303 members, including 67 new members.

### **Sunbeam (Mary McCaffrey for Phyllis Elliott)**

Sympathy cards were sent to David Chaudron

Sue and Bob Taylor

Yona Salberg

Velma and Michael Henry

Thinking of you card sent to : Olga Ostrom

Congratulations cards to : Roberta and John Avery

Lynn and Ernie Pratt

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**Chuck Wagon (Al Abbott)** Al thanked the following people for providing refreshments for the November 12 meeting: Lynn Pratt, Phyllis Elliott, Pam Smith, Lucie Burris, Gretchen Yager, Terri Petrescu, and Bob Dannert.

### **Old Business**

Mary mentioned that thanks to everyone's help, the Fall Cookout was a big success. 140 people attended the cookout. She also mentioned that in previous years the cost had averaged \$11 a person, and this year, since many contributed to the food preparation, the cost per person was \$7.35.

Mary asked Jim Warren to read a letter from September speaker Tom Martin. Tom sent warm greetings to the Sedona Westerners and stated that he had donated \$82 of the proceeds to the books he sold at the meeting to the club. Jim acknowledged the generous gift.

Several had asked for further explanation of the venue changes for the general membership meetings. Mary explained that the Elks had raised the rent, and so she had contracted with Church of the Red Rocks, where there was no charge for rent. The arrival of a new pastor brought a change in policy, and it was decided that non-religious groups were not to use the sanctuary. St. John Vianney has made the current venue available for only a third of what we were paying at the Elks.

### **New Business**

The Hat Committee has been hard at work selecting ball caps, visors, and sunhats to sell to members. It had been hoped to have sample hats available for the evening's meeting, but the hats were not yet available. They should be available soon for order should members wish to order for the holiday season.

The **Holiday Party** will take place on Thursday, December 10 at the Elks Club. Members may sign up on the web and choose their meal. There are four choices for meals: salmon, chicken, steak, and vegetarian.

Mary requested that members begin to think of what job they might like to consider for next year. There will be a nominating committee headed up by Curt Kommer, and it is not too early to start to think about a volunteer officer position. The various positions are listed on the website

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### **Break**

Following the snack break, Wagon Boss Jim Warren introduced the speaker, Vaughn Hadenfeldt of Far Out Expeditions (Bluff, Utah) and his wife Marcia. Vaughn has been leading outdoor expeditions in Southern Utah for many years and has been recognized as a North American expert for trekking. He has served as Chairman of the Board of the Friends of Cedar Mesa. Vaughn made a presentation of slides showing archaeological sites, cultural artifacts, and unique topographical features in the Cedar Mesa area.

Trail Boss Mary McCaffrey adjourned the meeting at 8:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Losse  
Wrangler

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**Detailed Hike Reports for period immediately preceding November 12, 2015**

<b>Hike Report Summary - starting Sep 10, 2015</b>						
<b>Hike Date</b>	<b>Hike Name</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Number Hikers</b>	<b>Leader</b>	<b>Co-Leader</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Sep 10, 2015	Mars Hill	Amblers	4	Jodie Ball		
Sep 17, 2015	Baldwin Trail	Amblers	14	Barbara Grille		
Sep 24, 2015	Kelly Canyon	Amblers	20	Julie Zabilski		
Oct 01, 2015	Adobe Jack North	Amblers	17	Linda Schermer	Harry Schermer	
Oct 15, 2015	Doe Mountain	Amblers	15	Brad Bell	Jan Taylor	
Oct 22, 2015	Schuerman Mountain / Lime Kiln Shuttle	Amblers	17	Linda Schermer	Michael Daly	
Nov 05, 2015	South Rim Trail	Amblers	5	Michael Holmes		
Nov 12, 2015	Carroll Canyon	Amblers	14	Mary McCafferty	Mike McCafferty	
Sep 20, 2015	Chuckwagon 2	Drovers	22	Michael Henry	Karen Schudson	Tailgaters: Jim Warren &

						Marny Tibbitts
Sep 27, 2015	Jim Bryant Trail	Drovers	18	Cathy Lutz	Bob Dannert	Tailgaters: Al Abbott & Michael Henry
Oct 11, 2015	Twin Buttes Saddle	Drovers	12	Bob Dannert	Al Abbott	Tailgater: Al Abbott
Oct 04, 2015	Cockscomb	Drovers	17	Tom Yager	Michael Henry	Tailgaters: Jim Warren & Bob Dannert
Oct 18, 2015	Mushroom Base	Drovers	18	Bob Dannert	Bob Kenney	Tailgaters: Jon Petrescu & Cathy Lutz
Oct 25, 2015	Doe Mountain	Drovers	18	Ernie Pratt	Lynn Pratt	Tailgaters: Al Abbott & Jon Petrescu
Nov 01, 2015	Lizard Head	Drovers	23	Al Abbott	Bob Dannert	Tailgaters: Jim Warren & Brad Bell
Nov 08, 2015	Mescal Circumnavigation	Drovers	25	Mark Ducharme	Julie Zabilski	Tailgaters: Brad Bell & Bob Dannert
Nov 15, 2015	Hangover	Drovers	23	Tom Yager	Jim Kemper	Tailgaters: Don Kling #1 & Michael McCrain #2
Oct 13, 2015	Yaeger Canyon (Mingus)	Dogies	21	Jim Warren	David Nelson	Good hike, nice weather. Someone was target

						practicing with a rifle at the bottom that made people nervous. They did stop shooting when they saw / heard us.
Sep 22, 2015	Hangover	Dogies	0	Tom Yager	Cathy Lutz	Cancelled due to threat of heavy rain.
Oct 06, 2015	Inner Basin	Dogies	0	Brad Bell	Mike Holmes	Cancelled due to bad weather.
Sep 29, 2015	Kachina Trail	Dogies	13	Charlie Shudson	Tom Yager	One hiker very slow. Not quite foliage viewing yet.
Sep 15, 2015	Kelly Canyon (off 89A)	Dogies	0	Don Kling	Bill Birkland	Cancelled due to rain.
Oct 27, 2015	West Clear Creek	Dogies	24	Mike Holmes	Cy Elliot	Nice hike, a bit short for the long drive.
Nov 03, 2015	Carroll Canyon / Red Rock Crossing Loop	Dogies	17	Bob Bareuther	Wayne Swart	Hiked as one group, Bob leading & Wayne tailgating.

						Had rain on and off.
Oct 17, 2015	Soldier Heights Loop	Rough Riders	16	Linda Archer	Curt Kommer	No Rain!!
Oct 24, 2015	Pumphouse Canyon	Rough Riders	18	Al VanderPuet		
Oct 31, 2015	Harding Springs / Grandma's Cave	Rough Riders	14	Ken Ferguson		
Nov 07, 2015	Mescal and More	Rough Riders	26	Curt K	Walter K	
Oct 10, 2015	Harding Springs / Cookstove	Rustlers	17	Perlina McCombs	Linda Warren	First Rustler Hike.
Oct 17, 2015	Big Park Overlook	Rustlers	19	Marion Agha	Hadji Agha	4.2 miles 900 elevation - 600 elevation in 3/4 mile. Great hike
Oct 24, 2015	Boynton Canyon	Rustlers	28	Mark Ducharme	Charlie Schudson	Broke into 3 groups. Brad Bell led the 3rd group
Oct 31, 2015	Chicken Point - Submarine	Rustlers	17	Michael Henry	Donna Bell	Velma Henry and Susan Phillips Tailgaters
Nov 07, 2015	Soldier Pass / Arches	Rustlers	18	Tom Yager	Gretchen Yager	Don Kling and Perlina McCombs - Tailgaters



Sept 17, 2015		Mustangs		Dave Vanderwater		
Sept 24, 2015	A.B. Young	Mustangs		Mary McCaffrey	Michael McCaffrey	
Oct 1, 2015	Inner Basin	Mustangs	8	Kevin O'Connor	Barbara O'Connor	
Oct 8, 2015	Cookout					
Oct 15, 2015	Bell Trail	Mustangs	13	Trisha Travis		
Oct 22, 2015	Walker Basin	Mustangs		Jim Warren		
Oct 29, 2015	Hike Cancelled					
Nov 5, 2015	Mushroom area	Mustangs	19	Mark Ducharme	Cherie Ferguson	
Nov 12	Damfino/Crimson Cliffs	Mustangs	21	Debby Losse	Marney Tibbets	
Sept 11, 2015	Snowbowl Chairlift and Interpretive Ranger Talk	Tracker				
Oct 21, 2015	Historic Flagstaff and Riordan Mansion	Tracker				
Nov 11, 2015	John Heath Ruin	Tracker				

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**Foreman's Report 11/12/2015**

	7/1/15	11/12/15	11/12/15
<b><i>Starting cash balance</i></b>	\$1,399.24		\$6,485.63
<b><i>Income 2015-2016 Season</i></b>			
Dues received	\$3,780.00	\$340.00	
Paypal dues	\$3,534.96	\$403.32	
Misc Income (picnic, books, badges)Donations	\$128.00	\$190.00	
		\$50 Bank	
Rent deposit returned	\$250.00	Error	
Honorarium returned			
	\$7,962.96		
<b>Total Income this period</b>		\$983.32	
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**Expenses 2015-2016 Season**

Insurance	\$2,097.69	
Fall Picnic/Cookout expenses		\$802.14
Holiday Party	\$100.00	
Spring Picnic/Cookout		
Meeting room rental	\$250.00	\$382.50
Sunbeam		
Chuck Wagon (mtg expense)	\$28.36	
Honorarium expense	\$200.00	
PayPal Expense (deducted from PayPal income,for acct purpose only)	\$155.04	\$17.85
acct purposes only)		
Nametags/Engraver	\$102.52	
Executive mtg expenses		
Old Timer expenses		
Miscellaneous expenses	\$98.00	\$10.00
<b>Total Expenses this period</b>	<b>\$2,876.57</b>	<b>\$1,194.64</b>
<b>Total Expenses this season</b>		<b>\$4,071.21</b>
<b>Ending Cash Balance</b>		<b>\$6,274.31</b>