

Executive Committee January 14, 2016 4PM

Minutes

Present: Mary McCaffrey, Sue Taylor, Jim Warren, Len Ostrom, Kevin O'Connor, Cathy Lutz, Curt Kommer, Al Abbott, Velma Keller, Jeff Brumbaugh, Clint Gelotte, Al Vander Peut, Chris Greene, Helen Ducharme, Tom Blecha, Debby Losse

Absent: Tom Yager

The meeting was called to order by Trail Boss Mary McCaffrey at 4:05.

1. Driver Reimbursement policy. Because the present volunteer system of reimbursement to the driver, begun this Fall, was not working, a motion was made and seconded to return to the past policy of making a "suggested shared donation" to the driver. The word "shared" was added, and the scale devised by the hike bosses in September is to be used until the end of the year. The motion carried.

2. Duties of the Foreman, the Chuckwagon Boss, and the Prospector. Kevin O'Connor distributed a list of duties of the Prospector (Membership Chairman) and Foreman (Treasurer). The duties outlined constitute duties around the essential functions (membership and

finance) of these two offices. A third set of issues around fundraising and event expenses were listed which are not specific to the membership and finance functions of these two offices. It was agreed that Mary would appoint a committee to review the functions and to make a proposal to the Executive Committee concerning how the third set of issues around fundraising and event expenses should be handled, perhaps through a special committee with a chair. Jim Warren, Kevin O'Connor, Al Abbott, and Sue Taylor agreed to serve.

As a part of this discussion, a motion was made by Sue Taylor, seconded and approved to establish a P.O address at the central Sedona Post Office for the Sedona Westerners. This will function as the official permanent address.

3. Discussion of issue of philanthropic endeavors by the Sedona Westerners.

Mary raised the question of whether the Club has any obligation as a group to concern itself with issues of philanthropy, either towards individual members or towards services on which the Club draws as a part of its hiking activities: trail maintenance, search and rescue, Friends of the Forest, the Forest Service. There was a general discussion on what we can do now philanthropically as individuals and what we could do.

Club Bylaws are quite specific on the issue, and so Curt Kommer suggested that the Executive Committee, through a sub-committee, begin to explore whether the Westerners should be more intentional in contributing through its actions to the services that relate directly to the activities of the Club. There was general agreement on the wisdom of Curt's suggestion.

4. General Discussion on a bylaw review.

The last bylaw comprehensive review occurred in 2002. Committee members were in agreement that it was time for Mary to appoint a committee to undertake a current review of the bylaws.

5. Reminder to fill in Hike Report in order to have an accurate picture of what hikes took place, distance, challenges, elevation change.

Debby Losse reminded hike bosses that there is now a website on which to record specific information about the hikes that have taken place. She thanked Clint Gelotte for the work that he and others have done to simplify the reporting of hikes so that the Club has an accurate, permanent online report of all hikes that have taken place.

6. Website. Clint requested that now that procedures for entering online information by the various officers has been standardized, these procedures remain in place from year to year.

7. Hats. Al Vander Peut showed committee members the models of Westerner hats with logo. Beginning at the meeting on January 14, members will be able to order hats on a special form designed by Phyllis Elliott. Al and Phyllis have worked throughout the year find the best prices, quality, and procedure for the sale of Sedona Westerner hats to ensure that the sale will both please members and bring a small benefit to the Club. The caps will cost \$26.00 and the Sunday Afternoon brimmed hats will cost \$36.00. \$6.00 for each hat will remain with the Club.

8. Mary shared with members of the Executive Committee that the monthly cost of the web server is \$10.00.

Trail Boss Mary McCaffrey adjourned the meeting at 5:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Losse, Wrangler