

Sedona Westerners General Membership Meeting March 3, 2016

Trail Boss Mary McCaffrey called the meeting to order at 7:00. After welcoming many new members and guests and asking them to introduce themselves, Mary called on the officers to make their reports.

Officer Reports:

Foreman's Report (Sue Taylor) (Detailed report at the end of the minutes)

Starting Cash Balance	\$ 2,809.22
Income	\$16,456.00
Expenses	\$13,270.50
Ending Cash Balance	\$ 5,994.72

Roundup Boss (Brad Bell)

Brad thanked those who had contributed articles to the Red Rock News: Tom Yager, Paul Cooley, Barbara Sallows, Perlina McCombs, Debby Losse, Michael and Velma Henry, Curt Kommer, Cy Elliott, Louise Gelotte, John Losse, Brad Kincaid, and Wayne Lopez.

Ranger (Paul Sullivan)

Paul reminded us that the number of visitors to Sedona has risen to 2.84 million per year and 1.7 million are on the trails. This represents a substantial increase, and so he called for members to report any unusual activities seen on the trails to him. There were three fires just last week in Oak Creek Canyon.

Cliff Walker (Paul Cooley)

Paul spoke of the very successful Tracker trip to Tuzigoot and reported that all members had shown good archaeological site etiquette. He said he still has copies of his bibliography (also available in February minutes).

Sunbeam (Phyllis Elliott)

Cards sent to the following people

Melanie Smith (death of mom, dad had stroke)

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Bernice Brown passed away - card sent to friends Keran and Dorothy Obrien
Stefka Paterson (ill)
Horst Butz (accident)
Donna Bell (ill)
Roberta Avery (accident)
Chris Greene (ill)

Chuck Wagon Boss (Al Abbott)

Al thanked the following people for providing a variety of savories, cakes, and cookies: Reba Stone, Jean Barton, Mary Ann Freeman, Lynn Pratt, Peter Smith, Donna Marrero, Cleo Duardo, and Rowena Jordan. He also needs people to sign up for the April meeting. At that meeting, he will be seeking volunteers for the Spring Cookout.

Hike Bosses Reports (Details at end of minutes)

Tracker Boss (Helen Ducharme)

Helen reported that she has filled both the March 21 Tracker hike led by Scott Knewth and the April 6 hike at Rock Art Ranch. She has a waiting list for this last hike. The fee will be \$25 for admission to Rock Art Ranch. She has scheduled a late hike, May 4 to Walker Lake in Flagstaff.

Drover Boss (Cathy Lutz)

Three hikes completed since last report at the February meeting:
Devil's Bridge Loop, Cibola Mitten, Huckaby Windows

Cathy thanked the following hike leaders and co-leaders:
Jim Kemper, Ernie Pratt, Al Vander Peut; Peg Cook, Lynn Pratt, Cathy Lutz
She also thanked the tailgaters:
Peter Smith, Bob Dannert, Cathy Lutz

Next Drover hike:
Soldier Pass/Arches on March 6

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Mustang Boss (Jim Kemper)

Jim thanked Bert McLean, Peter Smith, Michael McCaffrey, Debby Losse, Gretchen Yager, and Marny Tibbits for leading and co-leading hikes. He mentioned the upcoming hikes: Badger Springs, Mayan Maiden Honeymoon, Balanced Rock and Beyond, Fin Loop, and Mormon Overlook.

Dogie Boss (Tom Yager)

Tom thanked Don Kling for stepping in while he was away and noted that as soon as Don took over, the weather improved. Tom thanked the following for leading and co-leading hikes: John Avery, Bill Brown, Jim Kemper, Linda Schermer, Bobbie Avery, and Gretchen Yager. Upcoming hikes include: Steamboat, Soldiers Heights, and Deadman's Heights.

Rustler Boss (Tom Yager for Velma Keller)

Tom acknowledged the leaders and co-leaders of Rustler hikes: Liz Sweeney, Robert Paterson, Mark Ducharme, Cathy Lutz, and MerriBeth Paunicka. Tom also noted that upcoming hikes included Anaconda/Girdner Loop, Sugarloaf via Thunder Mountain, and Mescal Circumnavigation.

Rough Rider Boss (Tom Blecha):

Tom thanked Cathy Lutz, Louise Gelotte, Barbara O'Connor, and Mark Frank for leading and co-leading hikes. Upcoming hikes include The None, Balanced Rock and Beyond, and Black Canyon.

Ambler Boss (Scott McFeely for Chris Greene)

Scott thanked Brad Bell, Linda Schermer, Michael Dally, Al Barton, and Jerry Coles. He invited members to join the Amblers for the next hikes: Battlement Mesa Circumnavigation, Jack's Canyon to Woods Canyon, Brins Mesa, and Devil's Bridge.

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Old Business:

Hat Committee (Al Vander Peut, Phyllis Elliott)

Al requested that all who had bought hats stand. He thanked them. He then asked all who had not to stand and noted that it was a shame. However, there remain a few hats, but when these hats are gone, they will not be reordering, so it is important to get them while they last.

New Business:

Tape Transcription

Trail Boss Mary McCaffrey noted that the Forest Service had contacted the Friends of the Forest to transcribe ten hours of conversation that a group of Westerners had had in the mid 1960s. Spence Gustav in turn contacted Mary. Mary was able to arrange for Bonnie Rindo of Eugene, OR to do the transcription. Bonnie said that she wished to volunteer her time and skills to carry out this important task. Mary acknowledged her volunteerism.

Mike Nardello

The Sedona Westerners paid special tribute to Mike Nardello on February 13, 1992. Nardello, who hiked with the Westerners from 1969 until the early 1990s, was affectionately known as the "Pepperoni Kid." He was a one-man welcoming committee, a man who always looked out for new members on hikes. He led at least 90 hikes up Steamboat Rock and was awarded ten additional honorary trips, allowing him to attain his life's goal of 100. Mike was made an honorary Trail Boss and given the only *silver* Trail Boss bolo tie, hand-crafted by Marshall Cook (Trail Boss 1982-83).

Mike befriended Richard Norton who visited frequently with his son Mark in the 70s and 80s. Mike kept a record of all his hikes on 3 x 5 cards. Mike kept in close contact with the Nortons and when he decided he would not use the cards he gave them to Richard Norton, who passed them on to his son Mark before he (Richard) died. Mark and his wife donated the cards to us and they will now be placed with the Historian. They are fun to go through and have some hike names we have never heard of. If you would like to read through the cards, please contact Historian John Losse.

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Report from the Nominating Committee (Curt Kommer, Immediate Past Trail Boss)

Mary invited the chair of the Nominating Committee, Curt Kommer, to present the slate of officers. Voting will take place at the April meeting, April 14, 2016.

Curt reported that there had been a big response to the call for nominations made last month. He reminded us that there are two types of positions: **Appointed positions**, filled as direct appointments by next season's Trail Boss, and **Elected positions**, to be voted on by the membership and the focus of the night's new business. He stated that the Nominating Committee had selected a solid slate of officers. He introduced each candidate, asked him/her to stand, and said a few words about each individual.

Trail Boss: Jim Warren [Club President](Westerner for five years, former Dogie Boss, and current Wagon Boss)

Wagon Boss [Vice President]: Barbara O'Connor (Westerner for seven years, former Roundup Boss, Mustang Boss, Prospector, current Assistant Cactus Dodger)

Foreman [Treasurer]: Gretchen Yager (long career in finance and accounting, Westerner for three years, first leadership in the Westerners)

Wrangler [Secretary]: Debby Losse (current Wrangler, full-time Westerner since 2010)

Prospector [Membership Chair]: Kevin O'Connor (former Wrangler, current Prospector, former Drover Boss, Westerner for eight years)

Top Hand [Senior Club Advisor]: Linda Schermer (Westerner for sixteen years, former Drover, Dogie, Mustang Boss, former Sunbeam and Wrangler)

Chuck Wagon [Event Coordinator]: Perlina McCombs (Westerner for ten years, former Drover Boss, Wrangler, and Prospector, current assistant to Chuck Wagon Boss)

Hike Bosses:

Cactus Dodger: Brad Bell (Westerner for four years, former assistant Dogie Boss, has served as Roundup Boss for this year and last year)

Mustang Boss: Tom Yager (Westerner for three years, current Dogie Boss)

Dogie Boss: Dave Vanderwater (Westerner for two years, has led many hikes, first leadership position, former executive)

Drover Boss: Bert McLean (Westerner for two years, engineering career, first leadership position)

Ambler Boss: Scott McFeely (Westerner for three years, first leadership position, experience hiking and backpacking in Alaska)

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Rustler Boss: Al Barton (Westerner for four years, enthusiastic member of new Rustler hike group, first leadership position)

Tracker Boss: Everett Davidson (Westerner for four years, artist, first leadership position)

Curt reminded us that the membership would be voting for the elected officers at the April 14th meeting. He invited others who would have an interest in the positions to let him know. On behalf of the Nominating Committee (Curt Kommer, Cathy Lutz, and Jim Warren), he thanked the candidates for their willingness to devote time and energy to the Sedona Westerners.

Break

Speaker. Wagon Boss Jim Warren introduced the evening's speaker, Kenneth J. Zoll, Executive Director of the Verde Valley Archaeological Center. Ken gave an animated presentation not only of the collection of over 25,000 artifacts received by the Center from the estate of the renowned artist Paul Dyck, but also of the other major accomplishments of the VVAC, founded in 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Losse
Wrangler

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Foreman's Report - 03/01/2016

	This Season
Starting cash balance	\$2,809.22
Income	
Dues: cash/check	\$5,580.00
Dues: Paypal	\$5,610.00
Misc. Income	\$5,266.00
Total Income	\$16,456.00
Expenses	
Insurance	\$2,097.69
Spring Cookout	\$0.00
Fall Cookout	\$1,184.64
Holiday Party	\$3,150.00
PayPal Fees	\$220.29
Meeting Room Rental	\$500.00
Sunbeam	\$29.03
Chuck Wagon (meetings)	\$67.76
Honoraria	\$1,000.00
Nametags	\$522.38
Historian	\$0.00
eMail services	\$30.00
Miscellaneous	\$4,468.71
Total Expenses	\$13,270.50
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Feb 11, 2016	Chuckwagon/Gunslinger	Amblers	25	Michael Daley	Linda Schermer	
Feb 14, 2016	Devil's Bridge from Chuckwagon	Drovers	14	Jim Kemper	Peg Cook	Tailgaters: #1 Peter Smith and #2 Bob Dannert
Feb 21, 2016	Cibola Mitten	Drovers	11	Ernie Pratt	Lynn Pratt	tailgater: Cathy Lutz
Feb 28,	Huckaby Windows	Drovers	13	Al Vander Peut	Cathy Lutz	Tailgater: Cathy

2016						Lutz
Feb 16, 2016	Fay Canyon and More	Dogies	29	Jim Kemper	Tom Yager, Linda Schermer	3 groups on slightly different routes. Worked out well.
Feb 23, 2016	City Hall Saddle Loop	Dogies	22	Roberta Avery	Gretchen Yager	One hiker hit her head on a rock and was escorted out by two hikers. An injury report was submitted to Trail Boss.
Feb 11, 2016	Apache Maid	Mustangs	13	Bert McLean	Peter Smith	
Feb 18, 2016	Brinslinger	Mustangs	22	Michael McCaffrey	Debby Losse	
Feb 25, 2016	Cathedral Old and New	Mustangs	17	Gretchen Yager	Marny Tibbits	
Feb 13, 2016	Cathedral and Then Some	Rough Riders	23	Cathy Lutz	Louise Gelotte	
Feb 20, 2016	Long Canyon	Rough Riders	22	Barbara O'Conner	Mark Frank	
Feb 13, 2016	Brins Mesa / Cibola Mitten via Jordan Trail	Rustlers	17	Robert Paterson	Mark Ducharme	4 miles 800 Elevation
Feb 20, 2016	Cathedral Rock Base via Templeton	Rustlers	14	Liz Sweeney	Robert Paterson	
Feb 27, 2016	Slim Shady	Rustlers	13	Cathy Lutz	MerriBeth Paunicka	

