

## **Sedona Westerners General Membership Meeting, March 9, 2017**

Trail Boss Jim Warren called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. The minutes of the General Membership Meeting of February 9, 2017 were approved as posted. After welcoming new members and guests and asking them to introduce themselves, Jim made a few announcements.

### **Remarks by Trail Boss Jim Warren**

The April meeting will take place on the first Thursday of the month, April 6, since St. John Vianney will not be available during the second week, Holy Week.

The Spring Cookout will be held on Thursday, May 11, beginning at **5:00 PM** at the Elks Club.

### **Jim Warren called on Immediate Past Trail Boss, Mary McCaffrey to report on the slate of officers for 2017-18.**

Mary thanked the members of the Nominating Committee for their work: Gretchen Yager, Scott McFeely, Dave Vanderwater, and Gus Rousonelos. She announced the slate of **elected** officers proposed for 2017-18:

Trail Boss: Barbara O'Connor  
Wagon Boss: Tom Yager  
Wrangler: Helen Ducharme  
Foreman: Gretchen Yager  
Top Hand (3 years, former Trail Boss): Walter Krywucki  
Top Hand (2 years) Curt Kommer  
Cactus Dodger: Michael McCaffrey  
Mustang Boss: Jim Kemper  
Rustler Boss: Marj Haas  
Dogie Boss: Dave Vanderwater  
Drover Boss: Terri Petrescu  
Ambler Boss: Pat Capanna  
Tracker Boss: Ernie Pratt  
Prospector: Clint Gelotte  
Chuckwagon Boss: Joyce and Dave Minott

The slate of candidates for the elected offices will be voted on in the April 6 meeting of the Sedona Westerners. Members have expressed interest in the appointed offices. These positions will be filled by the incoming trail boss, as stated in the bylaws, at the outset of the 2017-18 season.

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### **Trail Boss Jim Warren requested that Perlina McCombs come forward.**

Jim thanked Perlina for her long service to the Sedona Westerners as Drover Boss and Assistant Drover Boss and Chuck Wagon Boss. She has welcomed so many members into the club. For some, including Jim and Linda Warren, Perlina was the first contact with the Westerners. Jim announced that this would be Perlina's last meeting. Perlina stepped forward to say that she would be moving to Colorado, where she and her son would be purchasing a house. She also reminded new members (and old) to sign up to bring cookies for the next meeting.

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

**Cactus Dodger (Rough Rider Boss) (Brad Bell):** Brad announced that after next Saturday's hike, the Rough Riders would switch to the 8AM start time. He thanked hike leaders and co-leaders: Clint and Louise Gelotte, Al Vander Peut, Mike Holmes, and Walter Krywucki. He announced the None as the next hike.

**Ambler Boss (Scott McFeely):** No report.

**Rustler Boss (Al Barton):** Al acknowledged the following hike leaders and co-leaders: Linda and Harry Schermer, Tony Paunicka, and Bob Dannert. Linda Schermer will lead the Chuckwagon hike now that the water is receding. Thanks to all the rain, the wildflowers will be on full display.

**Dogie Boss (Dave Vanderwater):** Dave expressed his appreciation for the work of the leaders and co-leaders: Clint Gelotte, Jim Warren, Ernie Pratt, Lynn Pratt, Roberta Avery and Bill Brown. Upcoming hikes include Steamboat, Brins Ridge, Pyramids and Polygons, and Fay Canyon Overlook.

**Mustang Boss (Tom Yager):** Tom thanked all those who had led or co-led hikes for the Mustangs: Barbara O'Connor, Ernie Pratt, Bill Brown, Bert McLean, Gretchen Yager, Peg Cook, Tom Yager, John Losse, and Debby Losse. The Mustangs will head out on the following hikes in the next weeks: the Hot Shot Memorial Park (departure 7AM), Grandview, Mayan Maiden, and Brins Ridge.

**Drover Boss (Bert McLean):** Bert reported on several hikes and thanked the following leaders and co-leaders: Bob Dannert and Cathy Lutz, Jim Kemper, Michael and Mary McCaffrey, and Debby Losse, along again with Michael and Mary McCaffrey. He is looking for a leader for the March 19 hike to Mayan Maiden. Starting in April Drovers will switch to 8AM starts rather than 1PM.

**Tracker Boss (Everett Davidson):** Everett praised Cynthia Emmett, Clarkdale historian, for the informative tracker tour she gave to the Sedona Westerners on February 15. On March 15, the Tracker tour will take hikers to the Red Tank Rock Art. Westerners will meet at the Ranger Station, There will also be a March tracker tour to Loy Canyon Rock Art sites. There will be no April tracker hikes.

### **Other Officer Reports**

**Cliff Walker (Jerry Walters):** Jerry reminded us that March is Archaeological Awareness Month. He encouraged members to attend V Bar V Discovery Days on Saturday and Sunday, March 25 and 26. There will be a demonstration of traditional skills for existing in the wilderness along with Hopi dancers.

**Prospector (Barbara O'Connor for Kevin O'Connor):** There are currently 350 members of which 100 are new members.

**Lookout (Charlie Schudson):** Charlie noted that the Sedona Westerners are the eyes and ears of the Forest Service since we are often out across Sedona's many trails. If there is any defacement of rocks or trees, we are not authorized to remediate. We should take a photo with coordinates and report to Charlie Schudson or Paul Sullivan. They will report it to the Forest Service. Charlie also cautioned members to keep to twelve hikers per group, whether in designated wilderness areas or not so that our numbers do not disturb the peace of other hikers on the trails.

**Roundup Boss (Louise Osborn):** Louise thanked all the hike bosses for soliciting articles for the *Red Rock News* on her behalf. She still needs four more articles to end up the year. She thanked the following people for writing articles for February and March: Angela LeFevre, Jim Warren, Bob Taylor, Michael McCaffrey, Linda Warren, Jim Kemper, Ernie and Lynn Pratt, Janet Wheeler, and John Losse. She also acknowledge John Losse and Alan Gore for submitting so many photos for the articles. She tipped her hat to those members who had provided multiple articles: Jim and Linda Warren, Jim Kemper, and Scott McFeely.

**Ranger (Paul Sullivan):** Paul asked that those scouting hikes who have had the brushing training let him know if they were planning to any trail trimming. He has had no reports this month.

### **Foreman (Gretchen Yager) (Detailed report at the end of the minutes)**

Starting Cash Balance *	\$ 8,049.69
Income	550
Expenses	430.52
Ending Cash Balance	8,169.17

\*Period of Feb. 1 to Feb. 28, 2017

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**Sunbeam (Karen Schudson):** Condolences were extended to Joan Steninger, wife of David Steninger, who passed away on Thanksgiving Day. Joan served as Tracker Boss and is known for her expertise on wildflowers.

**Break.**

**Speaker: Christa Sadler**

Wagon Boss Barbara O'Connor introduced Christa Sadler, wilderness guide, author, geologist and educator, who spoke on the topic of "Our Region's Water." The author of several books, articles, and essays, Christa teaches for the Grand Canyon Association Field Institute. Her presentation dealt with the political and historic perspectives of water rights to the Colorado River. One out of ten Americans receives some water from the Colorado River.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Losse, Wrangler

**Attachments:** Detailed Foreman's Report  
Detailed Hike Bosses' Report

## Foreman's Report - 03/02/2017

	<u>This Season</u>	<u>This Period*</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<b><i>Starting cash balance</i></b>	\$5,266.54	\$8,049.69	\$8,049.69
<b><i>Income</i></b>			
Dues:			
cash/check	\$4,650.00	\$240.00	
Dues: Paypal	\$5,160.00	\$150.00	
Misc. Income	\$487.00	\$160.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	\$10,297.00	\$550.00	\$8,599.69
<b><i>Expenses</i></b>			
Insurance	\$2,387.03	\$0.00	
Spring Cookout	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Fall Cookout	\$1,404.07	\$0.00	
Holiday Party	\$1,218.23	\$0.00	
PayPal Fees	\$203.91	\$5.85	
Meeting Room Rental	\$450.00	\$200.00	
Sunbeam	\$60.67	\$0.00	
Chuck Wagon (meetings)	\$34.37	\$11.17	
Honorarium	\$800.00	\$200.00	
Nametags	\$356.93	\$0.00	
Historian	\$99.00	\$0.00	
eMail services	\$103.50	\$13.50	
Miscellaneous	\$276.66	\$0.00	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$7,394.37	\$430.52	\$8,169.17
<b><i>Ending cash balance</i></b>			\$8,169.17

\* Reporting period is Feb 1, 2017 to Feb 28, 2017

## Hike Report Summary - starting Feb 09, 2017

Hike Date	Hike Name	Group	Number Hikers	Leader	Co-Leader	Remarks
Feb 09, 2017	Cibola-Jordan Loop	Amblers	21	Hassan Hosseini	Scott McFeely	Uneventful: Tailgaters: Bella Berlly
Feb 16, 2017	Snoopy Saddle	Amblers	17	Scott McFeely	Hassan Hosseini	Made this into a loop hike by returning to the Margs Draw Trail via Crimson Cliffs, then Margs to Sombart Lane. Also - took a short extension on the inbound leg (1/4 mi) out to a rock bench overlooking the valley N of Margs Draw. The trail up to Snoopy Saddle is difficult but the view from the saddle was enjoyed by all the hikers. Otherwise an uneventful hike.
Feb 12, 2017	Slim Shady V1	Drovers	19	Bob Dannert	Cathy Lutz	Yavapai parking lot to back o beyond on Hermit/Easy Breezy , back on Templeton and slim Shady. Tailgaters Kris McLean and

						Tony Paunika
Feb 26, 2017	Fay Canyon Plus	Drovers	15	Jim Kemper	Peg Cook	Mike McCaffrey was the tailgater. Headed left at the split out to the wreck area and up to some ledges for the snack.
Mar 05, 2017	Dry Creek Heights	Drovers	16	Debby Losse	Mary McCaffrey	tailgater: Mike McCaffrey. Creek wasn't dry, made 2 stream crossings and had a great time.
Mar 07, 2017	City Hall Saddle Loop	Dogies	26	Roberta Avery	Bill Brown	tailgaters: Michael M, Joe
Feb 21, 2017	South Wilson/North Wilson	Dogies	18	Ernie Pratt	Lynn Pratt	
Feb 14, 2017	Brins Ridge	Dogies	20	Jim Warren	Clint Gelotte	tailgater: Don Kling, Dave Minott
Feb 09, 2017	Mescal and More	Mustangs	22	Barbara O'Connor	Ernie Pratt	tailgaters: Phil Robson & Bob Dannert
Feb 16, 2017	Courthouse Ledges and Edges	Mustangs	30	Bill Brown	Bert McLean	3 groups, Robert Paterson led 3rd group. Tailgaters were Arny Long, Bob Dannert, Ernie Pratt
Feb 23, 2017	City Hall Circumnavigation	Mustangs	33	Gretchen Yager	Peg Cook + Tom Yager	Tailgaters: Ernie Pratt, Tony Paunika, Tom Blecha

Mar 02, 2017	Balanced Rock and Beyond	Mustangs	16	Jim Kemper	Bill Brown	Tailgaters: Anne Bittick, Ernie Pratt
Mar 09, 2017	Damfino-Crimson Cliffs	Mustangs	25	Debby Losse	John Losse	Tailgaters: Tom Yager, Bert McLean
Feb 11, 2017	Longing for Earl	Rough Riders	27	Clint Gelotte	Louise Gelotte	
Feb 25, 2017	Honanki Overlook	Rough Riders	27	Al Vander- Peut	Mike Holmes	
Mar 04, 2017	Capitol Butte (aka Thunder Mountain)	Rough Riders	28	Walter Krywucki	Bob Bareuther	
Mar 11, 2017	The None	Rough Riders	23	Paul Sullivan	Bob Bareuther	
Feb 11, 2017	Adobe Jack South	Rustlers	11	Kris McLean	Merribeth Paunicka	