

Sedona Westerners General Membership Meeting, April 6, 2017

Trail Boss Jim Warren called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. The minutes of the General Membership Meeting of March 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 Spring Cookout will be held on Thursday, May 11, beginning at **5:00 PM** at the Elks Club. The sign-up is online.

Linda Schermer and Lucie Burris have requested to add a Tracker hike devoted to identifying and enjoying the wild flowers in profusion at this time. The hike will be on April 19 at 8 AM. Please sign up online.

Hike Boss Reports (Details at end of minutes)

Dogie Boss (Dave Vanderwater): Since the last meeting, the Dogies have hiked Steamboat, Soldiers Heights and Sights, Pyramids and Polygons, and Deadman's Heights. In the next few weeks the Dogies will hike Fay Canyon Heights, Wet Beaver and Bell Trails, Pac Man Rock, and Woodchute.

Rustler Boss (Al Barton): Al thanked the following hike leaders and co-leaders: Bob Dannert, Cathy Lutz, Linda Schermer, and Jean Barton and Al Barton. Upcoming hikes include: Mormon Overlook, Mushroom Base, Twin Buttes Saddle, and Courthouse.

Ambler Boss (Scott McFeely): Scott acknowledged the following hike leaders and co-leaders: Cathy Lutz, Mim McCabe, Linda Schermer, Marj Haas, Julie Zabilski, and Scott McFeely. He noted the following future hikes: Submarine and More, Huckaby Trail, Airport Loop, Courthouse Butte Loop, and West Fork.

Mustang Boss (Tom Yager): Tom thanked Bob Taylor and Dave Vanderwater for the work they had done putting together the hike to the Hot Shots Memorial Park. He called the following upcoming hikes to members' attention: Loy Canyon Plus, Munds Mountain Overlook, Steamboat, and Cathedral Rock/Napoleon's Tomb, and the final hike, Lizard Head and More.

Drover Boss (Bert McLean): Bert recognized the following hike leaders and co-leaders: Ernie Pratt, Lynn Pratt, Bill Brown, Bert McLean, Trish Travis, Mary McCaffrey, and Cathy Lutz. He invited hikers to come out on Sunday morning at 8:00 for the following upcoming hikes: Little

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Horse to Chicken Point, Rabbit Ears, Adobe Jack, Damfino, and Hiline/Templeton. Bert acknowledged the help of his assistant hike boss, Cleo Duardo, for her fine work this year.

Cactus Dodger (Rough Rider Boss) (Brad Bell): Brad thanked the hike leaders and co-leaders: Paul Sullivan, Bob Bareuther, Michael and Mary McCaffrey. He announced the following future hikes: Munds Notch and Overlook, Hartwell Canyon, and a final hike to be announced.

Tracker Boss (Everett Davidson): No report.

Other Officer Reports

Chuck Wagon Boss (Al Abbott): Al recognized the following members for suppling a variety of snacks for the meeting: Barbara O'Connor, Al Barton, Jim Sweeney, Anne Bittick, Cleo Duardo, Donna Marrero, Al Abbott, Terri Petrescu, Jim and Linda Warren.

Prospector (Kevin O'Connor): As of April 6, there are 370 members, of which about 100 are new this year. He requested that hike bosses get sign-up sheets to him.

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

Starting Cash Balance *	\$ 8,169.17
Income	944.00
Expenses	332.54
Ending Cash Balance	8,780.63

Period of March 1 to March 31, 2017

Sunbeam (Karen Schudson): Condolences were sent to Joan Steninger, wife of David, who died on Thanksgiving Day. Joan served as Tracker Boss and is known for sharing her extensive knowledge of wildflowers. Condolences were also sent to Martha Leach, wife of Bill, who passed away this week. Karen thanked Linda Schermer, who wrote her of the Leach's move to Oracle, AZ. Martha and Bill were well-known and loved by many long-time Westerners. Martha may have been the first Drover Boss. A get well card was sent to Heidi Anderson for a recent ankle injury.

Trail Boss Jim Warren acknowledged the energetic work of Louise Osborn, Roundup Boss, who has recently returned to Canada.

Ranger/Forest Service Liaison (Paul Sullivan): Paul recognized the work of the Forest Service in developing the trail between Cathedral and Court House Butte. Trail use is up, so the Forest Service is busy with trail maintenance. A.B. Young has recently been improved.

Historian (Janet Wheeler): The Sedona Westerners' scrapbook is nearly completed. If you would like to view it, please email Janet at janetwheeler@comcast.net. It is approximately 85 pages.

Jim Warren called on Immediate Past Trail Boss, Mary McCaffrey to present the slate of officers for 2017-18 and to call for any nominations.

Mary thanked the members of the Nominating Committee for their work: Gretchen Yager, Scott McFeely, Dave Vanderwater, and Gus Rousonelos. She presented 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

She also called for any nominations from the floor. Hearing none, she called for a vote on the slate of officers. The proposed slate was approved by a vote of the members present. Jim Warren congratulated the newly elected officers who will take office at the Spring Cookout.

Break

Barbara O'Connor (Wagon Boss) introduced Tori Marshall, Education and Interpretation Coordinator of the Arizona Natural History Association (ANHA), a nonprofit organization founded in 1988 to assist the USDA Forest Service with public education, interpretation, research, activities, and special projects benefiting Arizona's public lands. Tori made a lively and informative presentation on "Birds of Prey of Arizona." With her colleagues, she introduced some very special guests, a few of the birds of prey being rehabilitated and cared for by the ANHA. Moonlight, a blind screech owl, was the guest of honor, and politely watched her presentation and patiently listened to questions from various members of the club.

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Losse, Wrangler

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

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Foreman's Report - 04/06/2017

	<u>This Season</u>	<u>This Period*</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<i>Starting cash balance</i>	\$5,266.54	\$8,169.17	\$8,169.17
<i>Income</i>			
Dues: cash/check	\$4,770.00	\$120.00	
Dues: Paypal	\$5,700.00	\$540.00	
Misc. Income	\$771.00	\$284.00	
Total Income	\$11,241.00	\$944.00	\$9,113.17
<i>Expenses</i>			
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	\$224.97	\$21.06	
Meeting Room Rental	\$450.00	\$0.00	
Sunbeam	\$60.67	\$0.00	
Chuck Wagon (meetings)	\$34.37	\$0.00	

Honorarium	\$1,000.00	\$200.00	
Nametags	\$454.91	\$97.98	
Historian	\$99.00	\$0.00	
eMail services	\$117.00	\$13.50	
Miscellaneous	\$276.66	\$0.00	
Total Expenses	\$7,726.91	\$332.54	\$8,780.63
<i>Ending cash balance</i>			\$8,780.63

* Reporting period is Mar 1, 2017 to Mar 31, 2017

Hike Report Summary - starting Mar 10, 2017

Hike Date	Hike Name	Group	Number Hikers	Leader	Co-Leader	Remarks
Mar 16, 2017	Chuckwagon/Gunslinger	Amblers	23	Linda Schermer	Marj Haas	Uneventful
Mar 30, 2017	Long Canyon	Amblers	22	Julie Zabitski	Scott McFeely	A great hike with side trips to indian ruins and an overlook high above. Otherwise uneventful.
Apr 06, 2017	Soldier Pass Trail	Amblers	19	Bert McLean	Scott McFeely	This loop hike included Soldiers Pass, Brin's Mesa and Cibola Pass trails for a total distance of 5.2 mi and 989 Ft CEG.
Mar 12, 2017	Little Sugarloaf / Chimney	Drovers	12	Ernie Pratt	Lynn Pratt	added GPX track for this hike.
Mar 19, 2017	Mayan Maiden	Drovers	9	Bill Brown	Bert McLean	Tailgater was Bert McLean
Mar 26, 2017	Fin and Less	Drovers	17	Trish Travis	Mary McCaffrey	less redrock and more ravine and washes with some water even. Tailgaters Al Abbott and Bert McLean
Apr 02, 2017	Battlement Mesa	Drovers	18	Cathy Lutz	Bert McLean	moved start time to 09:00 AM, tailgaters were Randy Barcus and Jlm Sweeney.
Mar 16, 2017	Hot Shots Memorial State Park	Mustangs	22	Dave Vanderwater	Bob Taylor	Tailgaters: Robert Paterson, Michael McCaffrey
Mar 11, 2017	The None	Rough Riders	23	Paul Sullivan	Bob Bareuther	
Mar 25, 2017	Wilson Mountain North & South	Rough Riders	8	Michael McCaffrey	Mary McCaffrey	
Apr 01, 2017	Sphinx Links	Rough Riders	20	Clint Gelotte	Louise Gelotte	
Apr 08, 2017	Bridges and Ridges	Rough Riders	24	Michael McCaffrey	Mary McCaffrey	
Mar 11, 2017	Hiline / Templeton Loop	Rustlers	14	Bob Dannert	Cathy Lutz	