

Board Meeting (via Zoom) Minutes August 18, 2021

Attendees: Dave Minott, Donna Forsythe, Sophia Sweeny, Michael McCaffrey, Dave Vanderwater, John Losse, Judy Dolloff, Harry Strong, Jim Sweeny, Charlie Schudson, Patty Persons, Al Vander Peut.

Absent: Mark Bealafeld, Ken Ferguson, Linda Shook, Patti Pierce, Terri Petrescu.

Dave Minott opened the meeting at 4:09 pm

Vote to Approve Executive Board Meeting Minutes

"I hereby make the motion to approve the minutes of the Board Meetings held during the 2020-2021 season on the following dates: September 3, 2020, January 25, 2021, February 18, 2021, March 11, 2021, May 24, 2021". Motion was made by Al Vander Peut and seconded by Michael McCaffrey.

The vote was 10 for, 0 against, and 2 abstentions. The motion carried.

Action item: The Executive Board Meeting Minutes for 9/3/2020, 1/25/2021, 2/18/2021, 3/11/2021, and 5/24/2021 have been approved.

"I hereby make the motion to approve the minutes of the Board Meetings held during the 2021 – 2022 season on the following dates: July 23, 2021 and August 4, 2021". Motion was made by Michael McCaffrey and seconded by Al Vander Peut.

The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

Action item: The Executive Board Meeting Minutes for 7/23/2021 and 8/4/2021 have been approved.

Bob Dannert – Silver Bolo Update

Our Trail Boss, Dave Minott, updated the Board on the progress of the Silver Bolo and the Bolo strings; the silver bolo has been received, but there have been problems in finding the right size bolo string to accompany the silver bolo. Dave feels that this issue will be favorably resolved shortly. Furthermore, we are on track to present this award to Bob Dannert during our Fall Picnic, held in October. Dave Minott will inform Bob Dannert of the planned award.

Action item: Our Trail Boss, Dave Minott, will procure the bolo strings for the Silver Bolo and contact Bob Dannert informing him of the planned award.

COVID - Plans for the New Season

- Proposed plans for hiking, meetings and picnics are below.
- Keeping in mind, the current CDC guidelines:
 - o **For Outdoors:**

- **Vaccinated People:** the CDC indicates that “if you’ve been fully vaccinated, you can resume activities that you did prior to the pandemic.” Regarding masks, the CDC indicates that there is no need for vaccinated people to wear a mask outdoors, unless in a crowded outdoor setting (like a stadium), or in close contact with others who are not vaccinated, or if you are immuno-compromised. The CDC continues its general recommendation for distancing outdoors when with others who don’t live in your household.
 - **Unvaccinated People:** the CDC indicated the unvaccinated people are to wear a mask outdoors, if physical distancing is not possible. Regarding distancing, the CDC continues its recommendation for distancing outdoors when with others who do not live in your household.
 - **CDC-Recommended “Safer Outdoor Activities”:**
 - “Hike on local trails”
 - When with people who do not live with you:
 - “Have a picnic at a park”
 - “Have an outdoor barbeque”
 - **For Indoors:**
 - **Vaccinated People:** the CDC indicates the “if you’ve been fully vaccinated, you can resume activities that you did prior to the pandemic.” Regarding masks, the CDC indicates that “wearing a mask indoors in public” if in an “area of substantial or high transmission.” Much of the U.S., including Arizona and Yavapai County, now meet the indoor masking criteria. The CDC continues to recommend distancing indoors when with others who do not live in your household.
 - **Unvaccinated People:** the CDC continues to recommend wearing a mask indoors. Regarding distancing, the CDC continues to recommend distancing indoors when with others who do not live in your household.

A discussion followed.

The following motion is to be put on the Sedona Westerners website, and on the section where members join.

“The Sedona Westerners strongly recommend that members be COVID vaccinated for all hiking and meetings for the 2021 – 2022 season. By joining, members agree that they have read and will abide by the current CDC guidelines. Motion was made by Charlie Schudson and seconded by Al Vander Peut.

The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

Action item: For the Sedona Westerners website and the sign-up section, the following will be added: “The Sedona Westerners strongly recommend that members be COVID vaccinated for all hiking and meetings for the 2021-2022 season. By joining, members agree that they have read and will abide by the current CDC guidelines.”

- **PROPOSALS : Hiking:**
 - Proposed General Guidance for Hikers (Vaccinated or Not):
 - No sharing of food during the hike

- Avoid physical contact during the hike
- Do not hike if experiencing fever, or flu-like symptoms
- Quarantine for 10 days if you suspect you may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19
- Proposed Guidance for Vaccinated Westerners:
 - No specific requirements needed beyond the General Guidance (listed above). Per CDC guidance for the vaccinated, masking not needed outdoors.
- Proposed Guidance for Unvaccinated Westerners:
 - Same guidance as last season – wear a mask to the sign-ins, refrain from carpooling.

[For the last bullet above; Guidance for Unvaccinated Westerners]: “Unvaccinated Westerners are highly recommended to wear a mask to hike sign-ins and to refrain from carpooling”. Motion made by Al Vander Peut, seconded by Jim Sweeny.

The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

Action item: Under the Hiking Guidelines as shown above, change to the Guidance for Unvaccinated Westerners to read “Unvaccinated Westerners are highly recommended to wear a mask to hike sign-ins and to refrain from carpooling”.

Updated Hike Sign-In Rules per Latest COVID Guidance

On the third bullet, it should be changed to reflect what was just passed above on the Unvaccinated Hiker:

“If unvaccinated for COVID-19, it is highly recommended to wear a mask to hike sign-in and to refrain from carpooling”. Motion made by Sophia Sweeny, seconded by Patty Persons.

The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

Action item: Under the Hike Sign-In Rules, update the third bullet to state: “If unvaccinated for COVID-19, it is highly recommended to wear a mask to hike sign-in and to refrain from carpooling”.

Plans for September Monthly Meeting and Ice Cream Social

Due to the current spread of the COVID variant and the revised CDC indoor guidelines, we choose to move the September monthly meeting to the Posse Grounds, with members bringing their own chairs, and to switch the start time to 5 pm to factor in for the earlier sunset.

- Pre-packaged ice cream bars to be distributed
- Regular monthly meeting agenda follows the ice cream social
- 60th anniversary observations
 - Announce plans to award Silver Bolo to Bob Dannert at Fall Picnic
 - Distribution of Commemorative bandanas

Note: In mid-October, we will weigh in on the November monthly meeting.

Action item: the September Monthly Meeting (and Ice Cream Social), will be held at the Posse Grounds, beginning at 5 pm, with members requested to bring their own chairs.

Tabled item: Review proposed plans for the November Monthly meeting in the mid-October Board meeting.

COVID-Proposed Plans for 2021 – 2022 Season – PICNICS

As it is too early to make a decision on the October picnic, the Board will revisit this issue in mid-September.

Tabled item: Review proposed plans for the Fall picnic at the mid-September Board meeting

COVID-Proposed Plans for 2021-2022 Season – HOLIDAY PARTY

The Trail Boss has reserved the banquet hall at the Oak Creek Country Club Clubhouse. In late October, the Board should assess the COVID status and determine the plans for the Holiday Party.

Tabled item: Review proposed plans for Holiday Party at the late-October Board meeting.

Updates to the Bylaws

The Bylaws require that any proposed bylaw changes be approved first by the Board, then simply presented at a Monthly Meeting to the Membership. Then, at a subsequent Monthly Meeting, discussed and voted upon.

1. Historian Position: *"I hereby make the motion to amend Article 15 of the Bylaws to change the name of the Historian back to Old Timer (Historian), the tradition name of the position". Motion made by Al Vander Peut, seconded by Donna Forsythe.*

The vote was 10 for and 1 against. The motion carries.

Action Item: Amend Article 15 of the Bylaws to change the name of the Historian to Old Timer (Historian).

2. Add Assistant Hike Bosses to Appointed Positions List: *"I hereby make the motion to amend Article 15 of the Bylaws to add the following position by name: Assistant Hike Bosses (Roughriders, Dogies, Drovers, Amblers, Mustangs, Rustlers and Trackers)". Motion made by John Losse, seconded by Al Vander Peut.*

The vote was unanimous. The motion carries.

Action Item: Amend Article 15 of the Bylaws to add the following position by name: Assistant Hike Bosses (Roughriders, Dogies, Drovers, Amblers, Mustangs, Rustlers and Trackers).

3. Immediate Past Trail Boss: *"I hereby make the motion to amend in Article 11 of the Bylaws the description of the duties of the Immediate Past Trail Boss to add the following sentence: The Immediate Past Trail Boss serves as Chair of the Nominating Committee that recruits nominees to serve in the Elected Offices during the next hiking season". Motion made by Al Vander Peut, seconded by Patty Persons.*

The vote was unanimous. The motion carries.

Action Item: Amend Article 11 of the Bylaws the description of the duties of the Immediate Past Trail Boss to add the following sentence: “The Immediate Past Trail Boss serves as Chair of the Nominating Committee that recruits nominees to serve in the Election Offices during the next hiking season”.

4. Update the Position of Cliff Walker: *“I hereby make the motion to amend Article 15 of the Bylaws to read as follows as regards the Cliff Walker Position: Cliff Walker (Coordinator of Cultural Resources Education). The Cliff Walker is the overall “Ambassador” of the Club, specifically to the archaeological personnel of the Coconino National Forest, ~~and arranges for cultural heritage experiences for Club members.~~ In addition, the Cliff Walker provides consultation to Hike Bosses and Leaders, on teaching proper site etiquette. Term of office is two years.” Motion made by Al Vander Peut, seconded by Donna Forsythe.*

The vote was unanimous. The motion carries.

Action Item: Amend Article 15 of the Bylaws to remove “, and arranges for cultural heritage experiences for Club members” from the Cliff Walker Position description.

Other Business

No other business was presented.

A motion was made to adjourn by Al Vander Peut, seconded by Patty Persons. The vote was unanimous. The motion carries. The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sophia Sweeny
Wrangler