

Sedona Westerners General Membership Meeting

January 12, 2018

Trail Boss Barbara O'Connor called the meeting to order at 700PM. The minutes of the General Membership Meeting of November 9, 2017 were approved as posted. New members and guests were asked to stand and introduce themselves.

Barbara thanked all who attended the Holiday Party for their support and also gave mention to those who helped at the event: John Roberta Avery, Jean and Al Barton, Lorrie, Anna and Mark Duewiger, Phyllis Elliot, Annette Pollak, Jim Sweeney, Bob Taylor, and Linda and Jim Warren.

A special thanks was given to the entertainment: the Sedona Hulamons: Cy Elliot, Michael Henry, Dave Keries, Curt Komer, Tom Makielski, Michael McCaffrey, and Al Van de Puet. Acknowledgement was given to the caterer Mike Smith owner of Old Sedona Bar and Grill and the manager and crew of Redstones at Oak Creek Country Club.

Officer Reports:

Foreman's Report: Gretchen Yager (report attached)

During the months of November and December, the club had income of \$1421 primarily from Dues. The expenses were \$1707. Of this amount, \$1080 was the expense for the Holiday Party. The remaining expenses were our routine monthly expenses such as honorarium, meeting room rental, etc. This leaves the club with a current cash balance of \$9816.

Prospector: Kevin O'Connor Assistant Prospector

Total Membership:	367 members
New	92
Honorary	20

Ambler Boss: Pat Capana

Pat thanked leaders and tailgaters from past hikes and also mentioned the upcoming hikes. She also acknowledged the club members who wrote articles of the Ambler hikes. Completed hikes were Mayan Maiden, Grand Canyon-W Rim to Abyss, Margs Draw/Crimson Cliffs, Coffee

Pot/Soldiers Pass, Mescal Circumnavigation, Munds Wagon Trail, Battlement Mesa Circumnavigation and Devil's Bridge.

Rough Riders: Michael McCaffrey

Michael acknowledged both hike leaders and tailgators for past hikes: Honanki Overlook, Hartwell Left, 4-Pi, Balance Rock, The Queen's Garden, Bear Left, Angel's Fin and Agua Fria.

Dogie Boss: Dave Vanderwater

Dave recognized hike leaders and tailgators of the completed hikes: Earl's Loop, Fay Canyon Heights, Soldiers Arches, Mescal Mountain, Sedona Loop Part 2, Long Canyon, Fay Canyon Overlook, Cockscomb to Doe and Mayan Man.

Drover Boss: Terri Petrescu

Terri thanked the leaders and tailgators of her group for the following hikes: Big Park Overlook, Battlement Mesa, Brins Mesa, Quarter Twisted Sister, Doe Mountain Circumnavigation, Huckaby Windows, Pyramids and Polygons and Long Canyon.

Mustang Boss: Jim Kemper

Jim thanked leaders and tailgators for the following Mustang hikes: Sterling Pass/Vultee Arch, Loy Canyon Plus, Munds Wagon Trail, Thunder Mountain Highlights, Mescal and More, Cathedral Rock via Napoleon's Tomb, Bear Paw, North Wilson and Hartwell Canyon.

Rustler Boss: Marj Haas

Marj also thanked the leaders, co-leaders and tailgators. No hike names were provided in report.

Tracker Boss: Ernie Pratt

Ernie reported there has been two Tracker hikes since the last meeting: Geology of Red Mountain/Lava tube and House Mountain which was led by Wayne Ranney. The next two

upcoming events were announced: Archeology with Ken Zoll and Walker Basin with Jerry Walters.

Roundup Boss: Jeff Fargo

Jeff acknowledged the following people who wrote articles for the Red Rock News: Mikki Hirschfeld, Cliff Heide, Celeste Rubanick, Kelly Thomas, Jim Kemper, the Pratts and Donna Forsythe.

Chuckwagon Boss: David Minott

Dave thanked those who brought treats to the January meeting for attendees to enjoy, namely: Al Abbott, Colleen Barkus, Brad Bell, Deb Losse, Annette Pollak, Marie Schreck, Karen Schudson and Linda Warren. Dave also requested the need for volunteers to sign up for the February meeting treats.

Ranger: Paul Sullivan

Paul reminded everyone about the Volunteer Trail Day for February 18. The meeting place will be the Jim Thompson Trailhead for trail maintenance on the Adobe Jack and Brins Mesa trails from 830AM to 1230PM. Volunteers will need to bring boots, long pants, water, snacks and a bike helmet. The Westerners will provide refreshments after the work. A sign up sheet was passed around and there will be a follow up email a few days before the Trail day.

Sunbeam: Karen Schudson

Cards were distributed to the following Westerners.

- 1. 11/12/17 Pat Capana's father (hospice).**
- 2. 12/7/17 Laura Beeler (wrist, elbow surgery).**
- 3. 12/7/17 Janet Wheeler (hospitalization).**
- 4. 12/27/17 Margaret Anderson (rehab).**
- 5. 12/29/17 Death of Jim Warren's sister.**
- 6. 1/7/17 Joyce Minott (wrist surgery).**
- 7. 1/7/17 Pam Greene (condolences).**
- 8. 1/8/17 Sue Dannert (back surgery).**

Historian: Scott McFeely

Scott reminded club members to send pictures from hikes or events to him for the end of the year scrapbook.

Break

Speaker: Al Cornell – Verde Search and Rescue

Wagon Boss Tom Yager introduced the speaker, Al Cornell a member of the Verde Search and Rescue Team. Al has lived in Sedona since 1994 after a 30 year military career. Al has many years of experience in wilderness and survival skills training. Currently he is the training officer for Verde Search and Rescue and is also a U.S. Forest Service Volunteer. Al spoke about the many different branches of Search and Rescue, the responsibility of search and rescue members, the extensive ongoing training, and many anecdotal stories of actual rescues and recoveries.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Ducharme, Wrangler

Attachments: Detailed Foreman's Report