



Solar Guild

Meeting Minutes

Date: March 1st, 2016

Type of meeting: Board Meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Patrick Cobb, Solar Guild Chair

Invitees: Current Solar Guild Members

I. **Call to order** – Patrick Cobb called to order the Board Meeting of the Solar Guild at 6:00 PM on March 1st, 2016 at City Council Ward VI Offices.

II. **Roll Call** - The following persons were present:

Partick Murray –	ptmurray9@msn.com
Patrick Cobb –	patcaribou@yahoo.com
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Chuck Wacker –	cwacker@mail.pima.edu
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John Hiserman –	yojimbo9000@yahoo.com

III. **The (previous) Meeting Minutes were approved by all in attendance.**

IV. **Treasurers Report:** No changes reported since last meeting.

V. **Project Updates & Recaps:**

1. **Goodwill Industries:** The Goodwill has a new 3-month “class” (More information to follow).
2. **Biosphere 2:** We will schedule our repair & replace (and add new monitoring station) at the meeting at B2 on March 25th at noon.
3. **Mission Gardens:** At this time there is no new information available regarding this project. It was suggested that the SG needs to attend one of their board meetings to setup a project planning meeting with their group.
4. **Xerocraft:** This is primarily a CFS project space. There is no new information available at this time. It was noted that they were last making parabolic cookers with umbrellas.
5. **Land with No Name:** No new info available at this time (other than “Please see email from Ted & Kate”)
6. **Solar Pizza Oven:** Rob’s friend Skip is donating a “super big, super ancient” solar pizza oven. Rob’s goal is to get it into town where it will be closer to work on. It is very large and it made of heave materials like sheet metal, glass & wood. From the sounds of it, is very unique in that it can achieve pizza cooking temperatures of over 400 degrees. Once it is in town Rob will let us know so we can schedule as a possible rebuild project for the SG/CFS. But to have it ready by this coming pot luck may prove challenging.

- 7. Catalina State Park:** It was noted that the existing mechanical timers for the lights are in dire need of replacement. It was mentioned that in their current state the lights may not be turning off at night (which will destroy the batteries quickly). We may replace the timers at the upcoming pot luck or could schedule as a separate project.

VI. **Event Updates & Recaps:**

- 1. 34th Annual Solar Potluck & Exhibition: Saturday, April 30th 2016:** CFS is holding their next a meeting this Monday, March 7th at 6pm, Danny's Baboquivari Restaurant & Lounge at 2910 E. Ft. Lowell Rd. All SG members are invited to attend.
- 2. SARSEF: March 2-5, 2016:** There will be over 1600 kids participating in this 3-day, STEM related event.
- 3. Goodwill Industries Good Futures B2 Cleanup: Friday March 25th @ 9AM:** Goodwill Industries will be at the B2 to help cleanup the field (weeds, etc.) where the large solar array is located. All are welcome to attend and this is open to the public for participation.
- 4. Biosphere 2 SG Board Meeting with Deputy Director, Friday March 25th @ 12PM:** At noon the same day, SG Board members will meet John Adams of the B2 to tour the large solar array. We will assess the system for any needed repairs, and discuss adding a monitoring station to the system so that the SG can add the data to its website.
- 5. Cyclovia Earth Day Event: Sunday, April 10th:** It appears this event will be at Himmel Park. Bruce has already reserved a spot for CFS in which the SG is welcome to share the space. All SG members are invited and all board members are needed to assist in manning our table that day.
- 6. PCC NorthWest Campus Earth Day Event:** The event this year is on April 22nd, 2016, CFS & SG will attend this event. All SG members should attend and all board members will be needed to assist in manning our table at this event.
- 7. Peace Fair & Music Festival: Recap:** Rob stated he had about "10 significant conversations" with people, and about 100 flyers were given out.
- 8. Solar 101, 102 & Solar Hot Water – Talk and Membership Drive:** Rob & Pat attended and stated they had about 15 new members sign up, and they it went well. Rob mentioned he has a "glycol" hot water system for the SHW class to view if they wish.
- 9. Xerocraft Solar Oven Classes:** Primarily a CSF project

VII. **Topics For General Discussion:**

- 1. Meeting scheduling:** For third week in the months of March and April: Please put in request for day of the week that is more available to those not able to attend Tuesday nights. A request will be put into the Ward 6 offices through their online scheduling for the night that works out best for the most people.
- 2. Jim Click Raffle Tickets:** These are currently for sale but Pat said the link on our website is still to last year's raffle.
- 3. New updated Solar Guild Flyer:** We need to make a new Solar Guild Flyer to hand out at events and projects to aid in attracting new members. The flyer should contain upcoming events, website address & contact info. John H. agreed to put together a sample flyer and fill forward to all board members for review once completed.

4. Solar Guild Hats and Shirts: The board would like to have shirts & hats available for sale for both the Solar Guild members and to sell at events. One possible suggestion was obtaining long sleeve shirts for board members, with the logo on the front and slogan on the back. Rob already has a source for custom shirts he is using for the Solar Pot Luck. John agreed to call New Frog on north Campbell Ave. for prices as well. It was also mentioned it would be nice to add an additional "Donate" button to the website to as an additional fundraising opportunity. Rob C. asked that any members in possession of the original SG artwork to please send that to him as well as any new artwork ideas.

5. Nominating additional Advisory Board Members: There was a short discussion regarding additional advisory members.

6. Fundraising and Donation Opportunities:

1. It should be possible for the Solar Guild to ask existing solar companies here in town for donations of supplies for projects.

2. Speaker Series: It may be possible to charge admission to a new speaker series. We may be able to ask Bulecheck and Bruce Plenk to do help with a monthly letter for political issues. The monthly letter can also contain a calendar of upcoming events.

3. It was noted that the SG used to have guest speakers at meetings, and that the SG used to be a membership fee based organization.

4. It was noted that if the SG were to focus on one good project that it will be easier to raise funds for said project(s). "Come up with a really good idea and then get a grant". Rob also stated we need to condense projects down to get new grants. One such possible project would be a solar charging station ("solar charging kiosk"), and that such could be located in busy public places such as downtown or the

VIII. **Website Updates Needed (Possible 3rd Week Meeting Items):**

1. **Calendar:** needs updated more regularly. John suggested this can be done in real time at every board meeting.

2. **Links Page:** Pat mentioned the link page is missing or has been removed from the website.

3. **August-March Meeting Minutes:** These need to be posted to our website and can be done at the next meeting.

4. **Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation:** These can be updated at next meeting.

5. **Projects and Events updates:** Can be updated at next meeting.

6. **Jim Click Raffle links:** Must be updated on website asap.

7. **Board Page:** Can be updated at next meeting.

IX. **Adjournment:** Patrick Cobb adjourned the meeting at 8:00PM

Agenda provided by: Patrick Murray

Minutes submitted by: John Hiserman

Minutes approved by: