



Solar Guild & Citizens For Solar



Meeting Minutes

Date: November 6th, 2018

Type of meeting: General Meeting
Meeting Facilitator: Amber Gaia, Solar Guild Chair
Invitees: All Solar Guild & Citizens for Solar Members

I. **Call to order** – Amber Gaia called to order a General Meeting of the Solar Guild & Citizens for Solar at approximately 6:00 PM on November 6th, 2018 at the City Council Ward VI Offices.

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

Pat Murray -	ptmurray9@msn.com
Amber Gaia -	ambergai5@gmail.com
Gael Sladky -	gpsladky@gmail.com
John Hiserman -	yojimbo9000@yahoo.com
Charles Wacker -	cwacker@mail.pima.edu
Patrick Cobb -	patcaribou@yahoo.com
Robert Crosland -	rtcrosland1@aol.com
Doug Clark -	monkeyboydoug@yahoo.com

Solar 101 Educational Series: There was no presentation this month, the general meeting began at 6pm in it's place.

1. Reading and ratifying of Minutes of October 2nd meeting: The previous October 2nd meeting minutes were read aloud by John Hiserman and, after some minor corrections were approved by all in attendance.

2. Doug Clark Solar Panel Testing: Chien Wei Han will be Leading testing of Doug Clark `s solar panels Saturday afternoon December 1st and December 8th. At the time of the meeting there were nine people that are attending. 90 panels will be tested, sorted and marked for open circuit voltage and short circuit amps. The times and location will be announced only to those confirmed to be attending. We will send out a short group announcement for any final volunteers. Patrick Cobb mentioned we should check cell temperatures (with infrared) and solar irradiance.

3. Recap of Cooper Center October 6th Event: Our organization attended this event which was help at the Cooper Center on October 6th. CFS raised \$20 in t-shirt donations and John also raised \$20 in solar toys. We also signed up 11 new members and ended up with a new project from Jaye & Lynn of Trees Please who will be bringing their "solar generator" to the Doug Clark testing project for us to look at.

4. Food Bank donations: Everyone in attendance was reminded to bring Food Bank donations to every meeting at the City Council office as well at our events.

5. Recap Valley Of The Moon November 3rd Event: Citizens for Solar & Solar Guild was present for our Solar Lunar Potluck @ Valley of the Moon which was held on Saturday, November 3rd, 2018. Cookers arrived and were setup by 10am. Pat manned the Sun Ovens and baked cookies all day. Amber made falafels in her Go-Sun oven. John setup the table for sign-ups & solar toy sales, while Pat & Amber handled the potluck shirt sales. There was \$35 raised in donations from shirts. Amber & Autum also played live music.

SIDE NOTE: during this meeting, John handed \$20 to Gael for the solar toy donations from the Cooper Center event and \$20 to Pat for the t-shirts. Also since Robert Bulecheck was not present John gave Pat Murray the \$150 that the Lees donated to repair the large trailer.

6. Board of Directors changes: During the meeting the Lees were voted in as advisory members, and Pat Murray was voted in as our new Business Development Manager.

7. New Projects and Events submitted by members:

- **STEM Event** – This event is on November 16th at the PCC NW Campus. Pat & Skip agreed to attend. This is a “non-public” event so we agreed to remove it from the Solar Guild’s calendar.

- **Solar powered, wheelchair accessible golf cart:** John H. agreed to run the committee and will make regular reports to the board on the progress. At this meeting there were no new updates to report.

8. December 4th General Meeting: There will be no Solar 101 due to elections

9. Planning for Annual Board Meeting and Elections December 4th: Those in attendance voted to have a board meeting on December 4th, and a separate holiday party on December 15th. Moving forward, our upcoming meeting dates are: January 8th (General meeting), January 22nd (Board meeting), and February 5th (General meeting). John H. agreed to send notice to all members regarding the elections.

10. Solar Panel and other Donations, trucks, trailers etc. Letter to all members: Our donation letters are still not done yet (see the October 2nd meeting minutes). Everyone agreed to move this discussion to an upcoming meeting.

Here is the notes from the October 2nd meeting, these items are still outstanding:

“It was discussed that we need to write thank you letters to 1) Geoinnovations (for all the parts donated for the solar trailer), 2) TFS (for forwarding us the recent panel donations, and 3) a tax letter to “Shawn” (Jack’s neighbor that donated the boat trailer). It was also decided that we need to create signage for the trailer. It was also discussed that we need to create a journal for all recent donations (will discuss at next meeting).”

11. Calendar updates: Amber talked about the need to create a calendar for the whole year that lists the events that the SFS/SG usually attends. We also discussed creating two calendars, one for “events” and one for “projects”. Amber also made comment that the location of the calendar on our website is not easy to find lower on the homepage. During the meeting John created an “Events Calendar” page under the Solar Guild’s main heading and copied the calendar to it in the hopes it is easier to find per Amber. John also showed those in attendance how to update the “UpTo” calendar that Patrick Cobb setup that we are now using on the site. John agreed to post a new event on the calendar for the Doug Clark panel testing project.

SIDE NOTE: Chuck Wacker mentioned other events we could create to help get our name out, such as solar displays at Home Depot parking lots (by bringing our solar trailer, etc), the Gem Show, Spring Fling. Chuck agreed to look at some potential events and report back to the group.

12. Checklist for 2019 Solar Potluck at Catalina State Park: John agreed to scan & send out a copy of the advertising list given to him by Pat Murray to the board. John also agreed to lead the 2019 Solar Festival's committee, and will send out an announcement for the first planning meeting and call for committee members.

13. Create Contact List of Solar Cookers: Amber would like a list of those with solar ovens that have participated in previous potlucks. It was suggested that Bruce Joseph would be the only person to have such a list. Others commented that he used to say "they just show up". Amber's intention is to have a list so she can have committed individuals actually show up to the potlucks.

14. Solar Panel and other Donations, trucks, trailers etc. letter to all members: It was discussed that we need to write thank you letters to 1) Geoinnovations (for all the parts donated for the solar trailer), 2) TFS (for forwarding us the recent panel donations, and 3) a tax letter to "Shawn" (Jack's neighbor that donated the boat trailer). It was also decided that we need to create signage for the trailer. It was also discussed that we need to create a journal for all recent donations (will discuss at next meeting).

15. Insurance follow-up: Amber & Jack are currently working on this, will be discussed at next meeting.

16. ANY New Business: Was not discussed due to lack of time.

III. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:10PM

Agenda provided by: Amber Gaia

Minutes submitted by: John Hiserman

Minutes approved by: