

Minutes from SFTR Women's Group Meeting
March 13, 2021 10 am

In attendance virtually through Google Meet: Carol Smith, Deb Johnson, Claudia Henning, Maureen Latham, Maryanne Coelln, Shannon Youngquist, Mary Bishop, Barb Wurfel, Nancy Scott. Sending regrets were Mary Ghormley and Pat Nash.

The March meeting began with an update on the speaker programs that have begun in conjunction with the POA Board, the Women's Group and the Communication Committee as a way to inform the SFTR community regarding topics of interest and topics that have sparked questions and conversations about living here on the ranch.

Bob Holder, our local Wildlife Officer from the Colorado Parks and Wildlife, gave an excellent presentation on March 6, 2021. Attendees were both in-person and virtual, with a count of approximately 50 total. Only positive feedback has been heard. This presentation was recorded and will be added to the website. Carol Smith sent a thank you note to Bob Holder, including many of the comments from others.

The next speaker will be Officer Martin from the sheriff's department to talk about safety and security issues. This will take place on March 20 at 10 am, at the MOC and virtually. A notice was placed on Nextdoor, with RSVPs required.

It is hoped soon to have Bob Scott present some history of our ranch and have an open Q and A concerning ranch history and other matters of interest. We also will plan a talk with the Fisher Peak Fire Dept to speak on wildfire prevention, spotting fires and relevant items.

The idea of having the above mentioned speakers has had positive feedback.

Claudia has begun hosting the MOC openings every Tuesday from 10 am - 11 am. She reported good feedback and each week there has been an increase in the number of persons coming. Several new neighbors have enjoyed meeting others and having some questions answered. Claudia will be creating a sign-up sheet which will be sent out to the Women's Group email list for those who would like to take a Tuesday once in a while to greet those who come.

The next item of business concerned the proposed basketball area at the MOC that the WG will purchase. After discussion it was agreed to start with only one backboard and hoop to be used as half court play. It is recommended to have the hoop be permanently installed on a steel beam if feasible. Carol Smith will talk to Bob Scott concerning the mounting with ideas presented. After Carol spoke with Bob Holder about the portable Basketball systems, it is feared the bears may damage the polypropylene base if left outside. Once the questions between Bob Scott and Carol Smith as far as mounting issues are resolved, Carol will order the window guards and other items for installation. The attendees voted to allow Carol to spend up

to \$400. If it will go over that amount, she will contact those present to discuss further before ordering.

The Ditch Rats were appreciative of the snack bags made last year at this time for them and for the Mitigation team. There is no mitigation being done this year on Cottonwood or elsewhere as a ranch project, and the Ditch Rats are not needing more snack bags at this time. They will let us know in the future if we could help out with that. Meantime, cookies for the Ditch Rats periodically are appreciated. It was noted they could be placed in the MOC freezer or refrigerator and then contact Bob Scott to let him be aware of the donation.

We have been given a donation of a tapestry from the estate of Lanae Rossi to be hung in the MOC. Carol will be getting that project completed in the near future. Maureen suggested a small notation on the tapestry be placed in recognition of Lanae and will ask Pat Nash about her thoughts and ability to do that. The plan is to hang it on the side wall of the kitchen to hide pipes and wires that are in place on that wall.

The summer SFTR July 3 picnic is still on the calendar and it is hoped we can have that fun gathering that Saturday as planned. Deb and Mary have been connecting to continue to collect and take pictures of raffle items obtained so far, and will post them along with a "save the date" reminder on Nextdoor in the near future. There was continued discussion on using Venmo to pay for orders, and Nancy has been discussing this with the bank. Deb, Nancy, Mary B., and Shannon will continue to work together concerning these points in the planning.

The treasurer's report given by Nancy Scott shows a balance of \$3,927.83 plus extra change in the box.

The discussions following the business items were enjoyable and we are all looking forward to being able to visit and meet in person, and perhaps our WG meetings will start doing that soon.

The next Women's Group meeting will be held Saturday, April 10 at 10 am. A reminder and link will be sent out prior to the date.

- Carol Smith