SUN CITY ANTHEM HIKING CLUB

GENERAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 7, 2018   6:30PM

The first of the 2018/19 hiking season General Meeting was called to order by Greg Waterman, club president.

Introductions

Greg asked for any new members: Dennis-Minnesota, Jim-Colorado, Jim-Arizona, Vince-Iowa, Dan and Marsha-Utah, Brian and Barb-Washington, Claudia-Wisconsin, Dana and Steve-Illinois, Rosie-Pennsylvania

Greg then introduced himself and his fellow club officers – Bill Scott, Vice President, Bill Brown, Treasurer, and Sandy Preugschat, Secretary.

Poston Butte Development

Bryan Hughes, Community Services Director for the City of Florence presented information on several ongoing projects including an Active Transportation Plan which includes bike and walking paths, and the development and expansion of Poston Butte Park. The City is currently working on a grant from the State to improve the trails at Poston Butte and eventually add picnic tables, parking, restrooms and ramadas. Mr. Hughes described some upcoming events in Florence including the 86th Annual Junior Rodeo and Parade November 23 – 25, and Christmas on Mainstreet on December 7th starting at 5:30 pm. He encouraged club members to go to FlorenceAZ.gov to take the Active Transportation Plan Survey.

Officer Election

This year we vote for Vice President and Secretary. Please send your nominations to Susan Dona – sedona549@gmail.com. Make sure that person wants to run for that office.

Susan's membership report – 223 members   15 of them new.

Annual Dues

Greg explained members need to pay their dues on line thru PayPal or complete a membership application available at the club information wall in the education section of the Union Center or download it from the club website: suncityanthemhikingclub.com. All members will receive an email explaining on how to pay annual dues using PayPal and were reminded a PayPal account is not required to use the system.

Page Fall Trip

About 50 members went on the fall hikes in Page, AZ. Members were advised to mark their calendars for the March 20, 2019 is the spring overnight trip to Prescott.

Photo Sharing

Michele Gazica talked about Cluster, a photo sharing app. The app can be used on cell phones, tablets and personal computers.   Susan will send an email explaining how to use Cluster. Michele will be at the next club meeting at 6:00 to answer any questions.

Special Hikes

Bill Scott discussed the special hikes being offered this season. There will be one a month and they are for all members at all levels. The first will be a photo hike with a professional photographer on December 5th. The hike will be limited to 20 participants and will follow the usual sign-up procedure on the website. January's special hike will be to

Boyce Thompson Arboretum. February will be to the third ruin at Tonto National Monument. March will be a birding hike. These hikes are in place of the Casual Intermediate hike. Club is always open to additional ideas for special hikes and our twice per season overnight trips.

November 21st Hike & BBQ

Greg announced that a special hike to Miles Ranch scheduled for November 21st. Following the hike, there will be a cookout. The outing is for all levels. There will be a 4-mile and a 6-mile hike. Both hikes leave and return from the same trailhead. The cookout includes hamburgers and hot dogs, chips, dessert and water, plus place settings.

Volunteers Needed

Greg requested volunteers to help trim the Arnett Canyon side trail for next weeks hike to Arnett Canyon and the Apache Leap hike.

The Club in the process of developing a hiking "library". If you have any hiking books or maps you would like to donate, please give to Bruce at the next meeting.

Comments & Announcements

Erin Downey asked the membership to discard any old boots her direction – preferably clean and scorpion free. She is located at: 3851 N Smithsonian Drive

The Annual Potluck will be held on January 21st. Let Michele Gazica know if you would like to volunteer.

Robert made a motion to adjourn and Bill seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm