

SUN CITY ANTHEM HIKING CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 3, 2018, 6:30 PM

Greg Waterman, President, called the meeting to order and introduced the Club Officers.

November Meeting Minutes: The minutes from the November Hiking Club meeting, which had been emailed to all members, were presented for approval. A motion was made by Susan Dona to accept the minutes, Tracy Mecum seconded the motion and a vote was taken and carried.

Officers Election: Susan explained the election process and asked if anyone had any additional nominations for the offices of Secretary and Vice President. There was only one nominee for each office. A vote was taken by a show of hands for each office electing the returning Vice President, Bill Scott, and the new Secretary, Tracy Mecum. Greg thanked Sandy Preugschat for her years of service as Club Secretary.

Membership: Susan provided the current membership numbers adding that the final membership statistics for 2018 will be available in January after the annual dues' deadline has expired. The current number is: a total of 222 members, of which 29 are new to the Club. She added only that 103 members have paid their dues for 2019 and reminded the membership that their accounts will be purged from the website on January 1 if dues are not paid.

Special Hikes: A special all level cook-out hike was held on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving in which 46 members participated. It was deemed a great success and a thanks went out to the chefs and coordinators.

Bill Scott announced that there would be four special hikes offered this season, 1) a December 5th Photo Hike led by a professional photographer, 2) a January 23rd Boyce Thompson hike led by a docent, 3) a ranger led hike to the upper Tonto ruins on Friday, February 22nd, and 4) a bird expert will lead a bird walk on March

6th. Bill added that due to the nature of these hikes the number of hikers will be limited.

Volunteers: Michele Gazica provided information on the Annual Potluck scheduled for January 21st. She is looking for volunteers to help set up the ballroom and organize the tables.

Michele also discussed the photo sharing website "Cluster" accessible to Club members only for sharing activity pictures. She asked those who have not been invited to join Cluster to talk with her after the meeting.

Bruce Odegaard asked for more hike leader and sweep volunteers. He explained that training is available for both positions

Chilkoot Trail Presentation by Kati Selby: Kati provided a slide show and narrative about her exciting experience hiking the Chilkoot Trail in Alaska. She and several women hired a guiding service for the difficult and strenuous hike. She related the history of the trail developed during Klondike Gold Rush to the Yukon Territory in 1896-99. Her enthusiasm for the experience was obvious, but she added it was not something she would do again.

At the conclusion of the presentation and several questions, Wally Kroh made a motion to adjourn, it was seconded and passed.