

Minutes  
Sun City Anthem Hiking Club  
January 8, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

**1. Call to Order**

President, Greg Waterman, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2. New Members**

Greg invited new members to introduce themselves. Ron from Colorado recently joined the club.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Susan Dona; seconded by Erin Downey to approve the December 11, 2017 meeting minutes as distributed. Carried

**4. Financial Report**

Larry Juhl distributed and then provided highlights of the 2017 operating year and the 2018 proposed budget. Larry indicated additional new members will add revenue to the budget. Moved by David Dobmeier; seconded by Susan Dona to adopt the budget as presented. Carried.

Greg thanked Larry for the great job he has done as Club Treasurer. He also mentioned the entire club and Steering Committee are volunteer driven, with amazing dedicated volunteers.

**5. Membership Report**

Susan Dona shared the Hiking Club currently has 184 paid members – 36 new members this season. Greg suggested that current members invite friends/neighbors to join the club as 200 members is a good number for budget purposes.

**6. Elections – President & Treasurer**

Bruce Odegaard explained the election process and that the Club has moved to 2-year officer's terms. Greg Waterman was nominated for President and Bill Brown for Treasurer. Bruce asked for any further nominations - none received. Doug Hartman moved that nominations cease. Greg and Bill were voted in by Club members.

**7. Potluck Update**

The annual Potluck is on Monday, January 22. Michele Gazica provided an update and encouraged members to purchase raffle tickets for the prizes. Check-in is at 4:30 and dinner at 5 p.m. Please RSVP right away.

**8. Emergency Situation Practice**

Bill Scott provided information about what to do if a hiker is surrounded by or attacked by bees. The recommended solution is to run immediately, about ½ mile to lose the bees. If stung, get medical help if difficulty with breathing, etc. If stingers are in your arms – can use a credit card to scrape against the grain of your skin to remove them. Greg shared the name of a bee video: Hive Alive on Netflix.

## **9. Chiricahua Spring Trip**

The spring hiking trip is to the Chiricahua's on March 20 and 21. Bill Scott narrated a slideshow from a previous excursion to there and shared what a beautiful area it is. Bill indicated there are two hikes on Tuesday and on Wednesday. Erin Downey provided information about special rates at the Holiday Inn Express in Wilcox (\$84 per night), for our hiking club. Call the hotel directly (520-384-3333), not the 1-800 number to obtain those rates. Promo code -SCH or Sun City Hikers. Only 20 rooms on hold, so book right away. The hike detail sheets will be on the website early in February, and hikers (members only) must register for hikes. More information in mid February.

## **10. New Business**

- a. **Open House** – Hiking Club is involved and will need volunteers. To be discussed at February meeting.
- b. **Tracking Devices** – Bruce Odegaard provided an overview of a tracking device called a spotter. Leaders can take one of them on a hike. He also explained another tool – satellite texting system. Bruce and Bill Scott can get hike leaders setup with these tools, if desired.

## **11. Adjournment**

Moved by Susan Dona; seconded by Kati Selby to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.