

**SUN CITY HIKING CLUB
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 29, 2018**

In attendance: Greg Waterman, Bill Scott, Bill Brown, Sandy Preugschat, Bruce Odegaard, Susan Dona and Dave Dobmeier

Bill B. distributed the Treasurer Report showing year to date expenses. Bill will create a new category to provide for expenditures for library purchases as approved by the Steering Committee. The current bank balance is \$4205.

Susan reported there are 221 paid members, 50 of which are new this season. She stated that she will be entering all new members into the website database henceforward and will clean up and reconcile the discrepancies between the website and her excel database.

Bill S. provided summary this season's hikes as follows:

- 85 hikes this year
- 1137 members hiked (average 13.3 per hike)
- 479 miles hiked (average hike 4.9 mi)
- 5571 total miles
- 2 rained out days

It was suggested this information be included on the Club's website along with statistics for past years.

Bill B reported that Kathy will continue developing the website and HOA has approved her contract. He confirmed that Susan will be doing the membership data input so we will only be maintaining one membership database with very limited access. Kathy has started working on the getting PayPal module and members will start using this system to pay dues by Oct/Nov 2018. All hike leaders should remind their hikers to pay on PayPal. Additionally, three reminders (Nov 15th and 30th, and Dec 15th) will be transmitted via the website and instructions will be provided. Anyone not paid by Dec. 31st of each calendar year will be purged from the database and their historical hiking data will be lost.

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Bill B. passed out a "Responsibility Matrix" drafted by Bill Scott outlining website responsibilities. For example, Martha Scott will be responsible for posting items to the calendar and Cheyenne Hartman will check for calendar discrepancies and content. We will need to determine how much information should be posted to the calendar, for example, should Steering Committee, Hike Leader and Coordinator meetings be posted. Bill S, Bill B, Martha and Susan will meet to further develop and clarify the matrix.

Summer preparations and activities:

- Bill B. will work with Kathy to prepare for the upcoming season and the PayPal module.
- Preparations will continue for the Club's Page trip in October and November. Possible hikes will be evaluated.
- Susan will continue processing membership applications as they are received. She will also update the membership application to reflect the new procedures and develop needed automated website communications.
- Kim Odegaard will work with Bill B and others to determine how to move forward with posting Club pictures.
- Tracy will be the speaker for the November Club meeting - talking about the AZ Trial hike she, Bruce and Greg will undertake this fall.

Bruce said he would be in the community periodically during the summer to help with anything that needs a person present. Bill B said he would be able to process payments and receipts while in their Bend summer home.

Greg reported that the volunteer paperwork is nearing Department of Forestry approval and we should be able to schedule a maintenance day next fall.

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It was suggested that we recruit members to provide a five-minute presentation on the Hiking Club at the monthly New Resident Orientation Meeting.

Chris Burkhart will coordinate speakers for Club meetings/events and will secure Greg and Bill S. approval before scheduling.

End of season meeting and social went well but next year we will not have a speaker at the same meeting. The Committee discussed that there was feedback regarding too many social events at the end of the season. Additionally, we need to change the Hike Volunteer social to an earlier date prior to the snowbirds flying north.

There were 65 participants on the Chiricahua trip. Except for the one person that fell, the trip went very well. Some hikers were over-extended, so we need to consider describing hikes better and, in more detail, so hikers can better pick to their level starting with the Page trip. Susan has already sent out information regarding the Page trip and has posted it on the website. Greg is working on hike description updates.

Next season we will offer one or two Special Hikes to see how they are received, and perhaps more the following season. Cheyenne would like to lead a special photo-oriented hike. He may volunteer to coordinate the Special Hikes.

Bruce has 12 new hikes planned for next year.

New moto: "KEEP IT SIMPLE"

Meeting adjourned about 11:00am