

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
SUN CITY ANTHEM HIKING CLUB
JANUARY 7, 2019 6:30 PM**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – Greg Waterman

New member introduced – Ian Hudson from Regina, Saskatchewan

TREASURER REPORTS

Bill Brown presented Income/Expenses for 2018 and the new Budget for 2019. Budget income for the year is based on 200 members. Bob Downey moved the 2019 Budget be accepted, Kim Odegaard seconded, and membership passed the 2019 Budget.

VOLUNTEERS (2) FOR ANNUAL AUDIT

Bill Brown requested volunteers for Annual Audit. Steve McDonnell and Kim Odegaard volunteered.

MEMBERSHIP

Susan Dona reported on current membership status.

- 182 members, of which 29 are new members
- 2 new membership applications are not included in the above number
- 50 members membership has expired – some of these may decide to re-join
- Any members who did not renewed their membership by January 1, 2019 will need to fill out an application to rejoin.
- 138 members used Paypal to pay dues this year/16 paid by cash or check

POTLUCK

Michele Gazica reported on the Potluck

- Date: Monday, Jan 21 – Doors open at 4:30 PM, Event begins at 5:00 PM
- Member raffle drawing – ticket receive at door for free – lots of prizes
- Fund-raising raffle – tickets 3 for \$5 or \$20 for an arm's length. There will be 3 prizes: an REI gift card, a gift certificate for San Tan Flats Restaurant, and the Grand Prize of a 50/50 Raffle (winner will receive half of proceeds from raffle)

- Speaker will be Sirena Dufault from the Arizona Trail.

CLUSTER (Photo Sharing Application)

Michele Gazica reminded members of Cluster, the photo-sharing application for the Hiking Club. Joining Cluster is optional, but any members who are interested in joining, should contact Michele so she can send you an invitation to join.

SPRING HIKE IN PRESCOTT

Bruce Odegaard introduced this year's Spring Hike in the beautiful, hiking mecca of Prescott, AZ scheduled for March 19 and 20, 2019. The 19th we will be on our own. Hikes will take place on the 20th. Some other great places to visit in the Prescott Area are the Courthouse, Jerome, Montezuma's Castle and Whiskey Row. There's a 54-mile trail around the city with 15 trailheads along the trail. There will be three hikes offered on Wednesday, March 20th. They are:

- Watson Lake – about 2-mile hike
- Granite Hills – about 5-mile hike
- Goldwater Lake – 8.1-mile hike around the Lake

There's a Holiday Inn Express for those who are interested, but there are also unique hotel choices like the Hassayampa Inn or St. Michael's Hotel.

PAYPAL REPORT

Bill Brown explained the intent for using Paypal to pay dues, which was to make the dues-paying process more efficient for both our Members and our Volunteer Staff. This year was an experiment to see how it worked for both the staff and members, and it seems to have been a success with 138 members using it to pay their dues vs 16 paying via check or cash. The Board understands it was a bit difficult to pay dues this year without guidance, so plan to set up an easier method to access Paypal for membership renewal in the Fall.

SPECIAL HIKES

Bill Scott reported on the most recent Photo Hike, which was a success. Our remaining Special Hikes will be:

- Boyce Thompson on Jan 23rd
- Tonto National Monument on Feb 22nd
- Guided Bird Hike at Gilbert Riparian Reserve on March 6

VOLUNTEERS FOR TRAIL WORK

Bill Scott let us know that trail work will be on Fridays with the approximate schedule:

Leave the Union Center at 8 AM, arrive at the trailhead around 9 AM, leave around 11 AM. Often stop for lunch at Porter's after trail work is complete. To sign up to receive e-mails about trail work – contact Bill Scott – clscott00@hotmail.com or 520-840-8879.

EMERGENCY SITUATION

Bill Scott reported on an emergency situation. If you are hiking on a trail, your hike leader is not in sight, night is approaching and there are several choices of trails to take, what do you do? Answer: Sit down, do nothing and calm yourself. Wait for the hike leader to come back and find you.

PRESENTATION – THE FABULOUS WAVE – Carol McLean and Steve McDonnell

There are two ways to apply to go on the Wave hike. One is to sign up for the on-line lottery; the other is to show up the day before the hike in Kanab and apply for the lottery there. Only 20 people are chosen per day. Must have a permit hike to the WAVE. Carol showed us beautiful photos of the hike and gave a fine commentary on what the hike was like.

After the presentation and following a question and answer period, a motion was made for the meeting to adjourn by Otto Luhrs, Susan Dona seconded the motion. The motion passed.