

HIKING CLUB BOARD MEETING
January 31, 2019
10:00 AM

Greg Waterman, President, called the meeting to order.

Minutes from Jan 3, 2019 Meeting were approved.

VOLUNTEER PARTY – Erin Downey

All is handled and ready to go. There was a surprise change to the start time for set-up, but a work-around has been established. Food will accommodate all special dietary needs.

MEMBER SURVEY – Greg Waterman

Board decided to table doing this currently.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Bill Brown

Bill presented report for January 2019.

MEMBERSHIP – Susan Dona

Susan noted that as of January 31, we have 204 Members of which 36 are new members.

BY-LAWS – Bill Brown

Bill briefly discussed ByLaw Changes and the Board decided to have Bill present to membership for approval.

HATS WITH LOGO – Greg Waterman

Hats have arrived and will be offered to membership for \$15 each before and after meeting.

FOCUS GROUP – City of Florence Park and Recreation – Bruce Odegaard

Greg Waterman, Susan Dona, Bill Scott and Bruce Odegaard attended. It was pretty much a meeting between Park and Rec and the Hiking Club. When asked what the group thought would be a great addition, it was suggested that a hiking/biking trail between Sun City Anthem and Poston Butte and to the town of Florence. The group also suggested creating a lake for water activities. It was mentioned that the Del Webb contacts for Union Center have not welcomed communication between Sun City Anthem and the activities offered by the City of Florence. Need to create better communication. There are 10 pickleball courts available behind library. Park and Recs is currently meeting with area Focus Groups and are to compile and report results to the City of Florence in June 2019. They expect to do a final presentation about suggested improvements in August 2019.

SPRING TRIP TO PRESCOTT – Bruce Odegaard/Bill Scott

There will be no hikes on March 19th, but we are planning to set something up for Tuesday evening for a social gathering. 3 hikes will be offered on March 20 – 2 will take place at the

Dells, one will be 1.2 miles in length but will be a strenuous hike for Short and CI hikers, and the other will be 3 miles with about 500 feet of elevation gain for the Intermediate hikers. The UI/A hike will be 8.1 miles around Goldwater Lakes. Other places to visit in the area are the railroad, Whiskey Row, Jerome mining town, Montezuma's Castle, Black Canyon Café for pie. There's also great shopping and food in Prescott.

SPECIAL HIKES – Bill Scott

Two Special Hikes remain – one to Tonto National Monument; the other the bird hike. Next year's hikes will include another hike at Boyce Thompson with Chris Burkhart as expert and a photo hike with Kim Odegaard as the expert.

Future hikes might include:

Historical hike of Florence
Archaeology/Anthropology hike
Geology hike
Botany hike with ASU professor (owes us)
4-wheeler ride and hike to mine near Box Canyon
Casa Grande Ruins tour/hike
Tempe town hike
2nd hike to Tonto National Monument

MEETING DATES FOR NEXT YEAR

Tracy to report on what has been set up. Board will give her additional dates to schedule.

ADJOURN – Dave Dobmeier moved we Adjourn. Bill Scott seconded. Motion passed. We adjourned at 11:30 AM.