

MINUTES

SUN CITY ANTHEM HIKING CLUB

BOARD MEETING – Dec 19, 2019, 9:00 AM

Meeting Called to Order - Greg Waterman called the meeting to order at 9:08 AM.

Members in Attendance: Greg Waterman, Susan Dona, Bill Brown, Dave Dobmeier, Bernie Wood, Jim Boardman, Bill Scott, Tracy Mecum.

Approved of Minutes: Greg Waterman asked for approval of minutes of Nov 21st Board Meeting. Susan Dona moved minutes be approved. Bill Brown seconded. Board voted approval.

Treasure/Communications/Website Coordinator Report

- Bill Brown submitted reports and reviewed items on Executive Board Financial Report, Budget Analysis, and Proposed 2020 Budget. Discussion occurred and 2020 Budget was authorized for presentation at January General Meeting. Presentation of 2020 Annual Budget was added to the Agenda for the January General Meeting.
- Request for Auditors was added to the January General Meeting Agenda.
- Bill is in process of transferring Treasurer responsibilities to Jim Boardman.
- Bank Authorization Changes – Bill will have bank authorization and signature authorities transferred from Greg Waterman and himself to Susan Dona and Jim Boardman.
- Kathy Prince submitted a \$440 invoice for website services. David Dobmeier moved that the invoice be approved, Susan Dona seconded the motion, and the Board voted approval.
- Kathy Prince's contract will expire Dec 31, 2019 and Bill Brown is looking into other options for website services going forward. He will

report to the Board how this will be handled once the investigation is complete.

- After Bill Brown turns over his responsibilities as Treasurer, he will continue to work as Communications and Website Coordinator, as a non-voting member of the Board.

Greg Waterman's Role Going Forward

Though Greg is retiring as President of the Hiking Club, he will continue to serve as Outreach Coordinator, coordinating with other hiking groups and hiking programs in our area. He will be a non-voting member of the Board.

Website – Update and Expand Hikes with Friends & Family

Susan Dona asked Dave Dobmeier to expand the Hikes with Friends and Family section of our website so that it includes more information on area hikes, including grouping hikes under categories, such as Hikes in Sedona Area, Hikes in Tucson Area, Hikes in Superstition Mountains, Hikes in Goldfield Area, etc. Dave accepted the assignment.

Member Satisfaction – Dave Dobmeier suggested that we begin collecting information from the hike leaders on member satisfaction. The idea is the hike leader would casually ask how the hikers felt about the hike and the club at the end of each hike, asking what we might do better, was the pace good... are there any other issues you might want us to address? Dave Dobmeier would then contact the hike leaders for the week to see if they have anything they would like to report. The Board agreed this was a good idea.

Membership Report

Susan Dona reported we currently have 257 members. She expects about 8 of these current members will be moving or withdrawing because of injury. We also have 32 members who have not renewed their membership.

Bill Scott's attendance at New Homeowner's meetings has worked very well for us in recruiting new members. The Board agreed he should continue doing this.

Hiking – Greg Waterman/Bill Scott/Bruce Odegaard

- Greg reported that there will be two new hiking coordinators. Sam Gomes has agreed to take over the Intermediate Hikes, and Carol McLean/Steve McDonnell have agreed to take over the Advanced Hike Coordination.
- The Board discussed change the Waiver on our hiking sign-in sheets so that the Hiking Club will not be responsible for hikers if they do not come straight back to Sun City Anthem, but stop to go shopping, have lunch or drinks at a local bar. Our responsibility will end once everyone has returned from the hike. Once they enter their cars, the hikers are responsible for getting back safely on their own. There was some discussion how to word this on the Waiver and Jim Boardman said he would take a stab at the wording and present this at the next meeting. Bill Scott mentioned we have Basic Rules of Safety and Courtesy on the website that perhaps could be incorporated into the Waiver by mentioning where these rules can be accessed and tying them to the Waiver. (Note: Currently these rules are 14 in number and are available under the Hikes menu/Guidelines on the website.)
- Spring Hike to Sedona – We have hike leaders scheduled for the different levels of hikes. Robert Cochran (robnjoc83@gmail.com), who was a jeep driver on the Martinez Mine hike, said he would be happy to help us pick hikes for the Sedona area, as he has done lots of hiking there. Each of the hike leaders for Sedona also have suggestions. There will be a meeting to discuss this further and finalize the hikes.
- Need to determine if our Fall hike will be to Las Vegas or elsewhere within the next couple of months, so we can announce this information to the membership for their planning purposes.

Speaker for December Meeting – Speaker for January Meeting – Don and Marcia Simonis – Area Archaeology. Susan Dona said Don has submitted his Biography and plans a roughly 1-mile hike in an area near Poston Butte to discuss archaeology.

Special Hikes –

Dec – Martinez Mine hike – Review – Interesting hike. Lots of positive feedback. Probably need to coordinate better with the 4-wheeler club, especially in terms of the time involved. We should let members know they can call the hike leader to be put on the waiting list for these special hikes, if they are unable to sign-up before it's full.

Jan – Archaeology hike

Feb – Bird hike

March – Boyce-Thompson hike cannot be at Wallace Gardens as it will not be ready in time. We could push it back to the first week of April and do the Wallace Garden hike. Or we may schedule a different hike, such as to Oracle State Park and perhaps visit Kennally Ranch there.

Potluck –

Invoice for Roger Naylor (our speaker) for \$400 was presented for approval. Tracy Mecum moved that the invoice be approved; Susan Dona seconded the motion; Board voted approval. Michele reports that all is under control at her end. Book purchases from Roger Naylor have not been made. Board approved purchasing 5 books – 3 to be given away at the Potluck and 2 retained for the library.

Picketpost Trails' Day – Bill Scott and Greg Waterman

Three clubs showed up for the hike. Lessons learned – Low response was likely due to the holidays and day of the week the event was scheduled. When we schedule future events, it would probably work better to do this on a Monday, instead of later in the week. Positive aspect of organizing the Trail Day was we now have a great list of clubs and communities involved in hiking in our area. We have 25 clubs and about 75 people on the list. We have received some great ideas from polling the clubs, and found new hikes to investigate and add to our repertory.

Agenda for November

The Board set up an Agenda for the January Meeting.

Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 11:00 AM.