

MINUTES
SUN CITY ANTHEM HIKING CLUB
Special COVID BOARD MEETING
July 22, 2020 - 2:00 PM

Susan Dona called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM on July 22, 2020.

1. Special Hike Scheduled for October in Utah

Board agreed we should cancel the overnight hike to Utah, because of the global pandemic and the fact that many of our Canadian hikers will not be coming down until January 2021 (if at all).

2. Upcoming Hike Season

It was suggested, and the Board agreed, we cancel November hikes, including the Thanksgiving hikes and BBQ, and begin the hiking season in December. If the Union Center is still closed, we will have the monthly meeting on Dec 7 in the outdoor Amphitheater where membership will be outside and can socially distance, as well as wear masks. Hikes would be limited to 10 people per hike. People would be on their own to reach the trailhead. Social distancing of 6 feet would take place during the hike; masks would be worn while gathering at trailhead, while signing waiver, and during breaks.

3. Scheduled Hikes for Fall Considering Recent Fires

We will likely cancel any hikes at fire-damaged trailheads (such as Peralta, Catalina State Park, etc.) for December and schedule hikes from undamaged trailheads. We need to research additional trails (such as those available at South Mountain) for substitution with hikes on fire-damaged trails, as well as providing new hikes to explore.

4. Membership Processing

Bernie Wood said she has a plan for handling any new member registration. All others can renew their membership through the website. It is likely most of our Canadian membership will not be coming to Arizona until January, so we need to send out reminders to renew membership on-line.

5. Special Hikes for the 2020-2021 Season

Bill Scott said that the Bird Hike and Boyce-Thompson Hike can be scheduled for January or February. He will let Chris know to schedule and depending on availability, we will have these two special hikes scheduled for the first two months of 2021. The ATV hike will likely be cancelled.

6. New Member Orientation

Bill Scott said the first orientation meeting for new members will be a week before the first hike in December.

7. Possible Member Picnic (in place of Potluck)

It was suggested that we consider having a member picnic in the amphitheater instead of the Potluck. People would bring their own food, wear masks and be socially distant. This is something we can discuss in more depth at a later time.

The meeting adjourned around 3:15 PM.