

**Sun City Anthem Hiking Club  
General Meeting Minutes  
Nov 2, 2020**

1. Susan Dona called the meeting to order at 3:59 PM.
2. Susan Dona asked for approval of the minutes from the March 2, 2020 Meeting. Sandy made the motion for approval, Pam seconded, and the membership approved the minutes.
3. Nominations were requested for Vice President and Secretary. Tracy Mecum is willing to continue serving as Secretary. Bill Scott has served as VP for eight years and has decided to step down. Bill will continue to conduct new member orientation and coordinate with Bruce to train hike leaders. Nominations for either position should be sent to Dave Dobmeier at [daviddobmeier@yahoo.com](mailto:daviddobmeier@yahoo.com) by November 20th. Susan reminded the members to check with the member to see if they are willing to serve before submitting the nomination.
4. Membership – We currently have 264 members. Reminders will go out in mid-November when our website is set up to accept renewal of dues. The dues for the 2021 hiking season are due at the end of December (December 31, 2020).
5. Exploratory Hike Opportunities – Any hikers who are interested in Exploratory Hikes to determine new hikes and check out regular hikes where fires may have damaged the trails, should contact Bruce Odegaard [bodegaard1@aol.com](mailto:bodegaard1@aol.com). Participation in the exploratory hikes will be extremely limited and at discretion of the hike leader. Before agreeing to do this, keep in mind trails may be difficult to reach, fire may have damaged the trail and made it impassable. If you don't feel up to that kind of challenge, this may not be the activity for you.
6. COVID Information and Updates – Susan asked if anyone had any questions about the COVID rules she had sent out. There were no questions, but a suggestion was submitted earlier to meet in the Union Center parking lot, rather than at the trailhead. Susan asked

those present their opinion and they all raised their hands in approval.

7. President's Corner – Susan spoke about the current status of the new Poston Butte Park. The planning stage is 75% complete. The City of Florence has acquired 320 additional acres as a lease from the BLM. There will be an access road from Felix. There will also be classrooms where visitors can learn more about the Native Americans who once lived in this region and about Charles Poston, founder of Arizona, who is buried on the butte. They will ask our Club to help in revegetation of closed trails.
8. Trail Work – Bill Scott mentioned that trail work on Arnett Creek will continue this year. It will be task driven and continue to occur on Fridays at 8 AM. The next trail work will be on Friday, November 13th.
9. Bill announced that the next orientation will be on Monday, November 16 at 4 PM at the Amphitheater in front of the Union Center. Even people who are considering membership can come to this orientation meeting. There will be a welcome hike for new members between Nov 16 and Dec 2nd.
10. Adjourn – A motion was made for adjournment by George, Bill Brown seconded the motion, and the membership voted approval.