

SUN CITY ANTHEM HIKING CLUB
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 18, 2021 – 9:00 AM

Attendees: Bill Brown, Jim Boardman, Dave Dobmeier, Susan Dona,
Tracy Mecum, Bruce Odegaard, Barb Taylor, Greg Waterman, Bernie
Wood

1. **Call Meeting to Order** – Susan called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.
2. **Approve December 17, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes** Susan asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. There were no additions or corrections required. Jim Boardman motioned the minutes be approved; Bernie Wood seconded the motion and the Board approved.
3. **Membership Report** – Bernie Wood
Bernie reported we had 190 new and renewed members with 4 memberships pending. Bernie added that she is seeing an increase in membership interest and applications following Barbara's presentation at the New Resident Orientation.
4. **Financial Report** – Jim Boardman
Jim presented the Financial Report.
 - There was discussion about the In-Reach Units, their use and cost. If we don't intend to use them regularly, it makes some sense to sell them. The Board decided we would discuss the units at the next Hike Coordinators Meeting and conduct training at the first hike leader's meeting in the fall.
5. **Hike Numbers** – Susan
We have had 422 hikers total for the Hiking Season from December 2, 2020 through the hikes on Feb 17, 2021. The highest numbers were on January 13 and February 10 when hikers totaled 50 and 51, respectively. We have also added several new hikes to our database

and those offered this year have been well-attended.

6. **Website Update – Bill Brown**

We had several issues develop with the website. Our administrative users were shut out of making changes to website documents. Radiate WP discovered plug-in was updated and broke the website. The cost to fix it was \$165. Radiate fixed the expiration dates that weren't being updated properly at a cost of \$100. Radiate is now working on fixing duplicate sign-ups on the website. Currently Bill must go in and remove each duplicate manually. So far cost \$150 to research the problem and will likely require an additional \$150-\$200 to fix the problem. So far taking care of these issues will cost \$615 of the \$1,000 budgeted for website development. A motion was made by Dave Dobmeier that we increase the budget by \$1,000 so Bill can continue to address website issues. Bill Brown plans to turn his job over at the end of the year and would like to have our major issues fixed and the website stabilized by that time. Bill emphasized that there will continue to be issues that arise in the future and that it is just the nature of dynamic websites.

The Board discussed this issue further, taking into consideration our cash flow, and decided to amend the motion to "add \$1,000 to the website development budget so long as the overall reserve in the bank remains \$500 or more." Tracy Mecum seconded the motion and the Board voted approval. The Board also discussed raising the dues by \$5 to \$25 a year but decided to table that idea until we are sure this truly necessary.

7. **Outreach & Meetings with Superior – Greg Waterman**

Greg reported that we have had a good turnout of about 10-15 volunteers for trail work each Friday. There has been a lot of work on the trails around the Arnett Creek, Picketpost and LOST (Legends of Superior Trail) Trail areas. New signs have been installed, invasive plants removed, rocks moved, bushes and trees trimmed, and trash picked up. Our group has worked on the Tunnel Trail and cleaned up the trailhead at Picketpost. The LOST Trail has been cleaned up to the Overlook and a couple of great overlooks beyond that have been

discovered. There are plans to fence the Picketpost Parking area and establish a separate parking area for horses and horse trailers with their own latrine.

8. **Fall Hike** – Bruce Odegaard

Our fall trip will be to Blanding, Utah and nearby Bluff, Utah. Hikes will be on Wednesday, Oct 20th. There will be a dinner on Tuesday evening in Bluff. Lodging is available in Blanding and Bluff. Our 'end of season' message will notify members of the planned adventure and will include some of our former Canadian members as recipients.

9. **Hike Coordinator Meeting** – Bruce Odegaard

Hike coordinators will meet on March 4th to establish hikes for November and December 2021, and he is planning a safe Hike Leaders gathering for March 19.

10. **Closing Event – BYOE at the Amphitheater**

Our General Meeting and Year End Social will be held on Monday, March 22. We will all mask and be socially distant. Everyone will bring their own food, drinks, and silverware.

11. **Other Business** – Dave Dobmeier

Dave reminded everyone that there are new strains of the Covid virus that are more contagious than earlier versions. Because of these new strains, we need to remind our hikers of and reinforce our rules for masking up and social distancing on hikes and proposed social gatherings.

12. **Adjourn**

Bill Brown made a motion that the meeting adjourn; Barb Taylor seconded the motion and members voted approval. The meeting adjourned at 10:34 AM.