

**Sun City Anthem Hiking Club**  
**General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**March 22, 2021, 4:30 PM**  
**Amphitheater**

1. Call Meeting to Order – Susan Dona called the meeting to order at 4:31 PM.
2. Approve minutes General Membership Meeting, January 11, 2021 (via Zoom) – Susan asked for questions or corrections to the minutes. There were none. Sam Gomes moved the minutes be accepted as written; Barbara Taylor seconded the motion. The membership voted approval.
3. Review this season's hiker participation  
We have 195 members who joined this season. 40 of these are brand new members. We had 40-45 hikers per week, which is about 2/3 of our normal number of hikers on hikes in years without COVID. We have had no complaints this hiking season.
4. Thank hike leaders – new hikes added to our database  
Susan thanked our hike leaders this year, who stepped up to fill all hikes with leaders during the pandemic. In addition, hike leaders have explored several potential new hikes. Some were added to the Winter-Spring hiking season this year, including Devil’s Canyon, Broadway Cave, and Wood Canyon. There are several others that will be introduced next year.

We always need more hike leaders, so please consider signing up to be a leader. We put all our hike leaders through a training course, and then send them out on their first hike as a hike leader with a mentor to help with any questions or concerns. We also train Sweeps, so if you aren’t quite ready to be a Hike Leader, consider doing the Sweep Training.

5. Thank trail slaves for the great trail work accomplished this season - Greg Waterman

Greg pointed out that we have had no issues with COVID on either our hikes this season or on trail workdays. This year because we didn't have monsoons, the trail work crews were able to concentrate on re-routing trails to better areas, trimming, cleaning trash, planting brittlebush seeds that Martha and Bill Scott collected along the trail, rebuilding cairns, putting up new signs, and laying out new trails. We worked with Arizona Wild to remove invasive plants, trim the Old 60 Trail, clean up the Picketpost trailhead and put rocks along the trail. We will be working with the US Forest Service next season at Picketpost to establish a new area for horses, directing horses to only certain areas, and keeping the cattle off the trails. We wanted to send best wishes to our special Canadian workers, Erin and her husband, Glenn, who is dealing with medical issues this year. We hope to see them again this Fall. Working on the trails is a great way to meet people. Also, thanks to Sam Gomes, we were able to spread Globe Mallow seeds that she collected along the LOST Trail to the Overlook.

6. Fall trip to Cedar Mesa, October 19 – 21, 2021 - Bruce Odegaard  
We cancelled this trip in the Fall and are hopeful we can move it to the Fall of 2021. The hikes will originate out of Blanding, UT. There are not many hotels there, but just a few miles away in Bluff there are plenty of places to stay. Also, if you want a beer with a meal, you can't have one in Blanding, but you can in Bluff. We will have a lecture on Tuesday night (Oct 19), and a dinner in Bluff at the Twin Rocks Café. Space is limited, so sign up early if you want to attend. On Wednesday, Oct 20, there will be 3 hikes. On Thursday, Oct 21, there will be 3 more hikes offered. Check out the House on Fire Ruins (which is one of the hikes that will be offered). More information will be available this Summer and in the early Fall.
7. Elections scheduled for December, and the November nominations (President and Treasurer). Our Treasurer, Jim Boardman, is not interested in continuing in the position. Over the summer, please consider whether

you would be interested in running for one of the available positions. Also, our Webmaster and Communications Manager, Bill Brown, would like to turn over his position to someone with a background in website management. If you are someone or know anyone with this skill who might be interested in taking over this position, please let him know.

8. One of our members thanked all the Board Members for their service to the Club.
9. Adjourn – Susan asked for a motion to adjourn. Bill Brown made the motions; Becky Anderson seconded the motion; and the membership voted approval.
10. Social Time – The membership adjourned to spend time talking together.