

**Sun City Anthem Hiking Club
Board Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2021, 9:00 am**

Attendees: Susan Dona, Bill Brown, Tracy Mecum, Bruce Odegaard, Kim Odegaard, Greg Waterman, Jim Boardman

- 1) Call Meeting to Order – Susan called Board Meeting to order at 9:00 AM.
- 2) Approval of March 25, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes – There was a discussion regarding the hiking protocol we adopted in March for the 21-22 hiking season. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. Jim Boardman made a motion the minutes be approved as submitted, Bruce Odegaard seconded the motion and the Board approved.
- 3) Treasurer’s Report – Jim Boardman
The current report covers the calendar year to September 30, 2021. The financial report indicated we can cover all expected expenses with no increase in membership.
- 4) Members Report – Susan Dona
Current membership total is 201.
- 5) Elections –
 - a) There was a general discussion regarding the upcoming election and possible candidates. A few names were offered for us to follow up on to determine if they are willing to serve.
President – Susan Dona
Treasurer – It was suggested we approach Steven McDonnell or Mary Cox for this position.
- 6) Appointments
Communications Coordinator – Prior to the Board Meeting, Kim Odegaard volunteered to serve as the Communications Coordinator.
Website Coordinator – Will ask for volunteers at November 1st General

Meeting.

7) Website Update – Bill Brown

Bill reported that the issue with the website allowing the same person to sign up twice for a hike has been fixed. Also the problem with a hiker answering 'No' to 'Can you drive?' and it appearing on the hiker list for the hike as Yes, has been resolved. Bill said Radiate is not as responsive as he had hoped, and he has been looking into hiring a different website maintenance firm, but needs to investigate costs and how to best transition to a new company. The Board discussed several options using the pre-paid development hours currently outstanding. One suggestion was to see if the budget allocation of \$600 for website development could be reallocated to pay for monthly maintenance through the end of the year. Outstanding issues:

- a) We still need resolve the complex, multistage emailing process.
- b) One of the essential plug-ins on the website has not been updated for years and is no longer maintained by the developer. So far, the plug-in has not caused any problems, but an update on another application could cause a system failure in the future, so we need to see if there is an alternative to take its place.
- c) A new issue has popped up causing the system to append weird characters to hikers' email addresses when they change anything in their profile.

8) Sedona Plans – Bruce Odegaard

Devil's Bridge – Tuesday Hike

Hikes on Wednesday – have leaders scheduled

Spring Hike will be Cedar Mesa with Chiracahua's as a back-up.

9) Trail Work – Greg Waterman

a) Saturday, October 16 – we will be working on the eastend of Arnett Creek to prepare for the Superior Burro Run scheduled for October 23rd.

i) Superior is asking for volunteers to help with the Burro Run.

b) Land swap status – It is still uncertain how the Oak Flat – Resolution Mine

land swap will be resolved.

10) Thanksgiving BBQ Oracle State Park – Greg Waterman

a) Jim Yaeger and Jack Dale will be the cooks.

- b) Susan D. and Greg W. will check out hikes.
 - c) Chris Burkhart has ensured we will be offered self-guided tours of the Kannally Ranch House which is included in the entry fee.
- 11) Jeep Trip – Greg Waterman
Greg will contact Jeep Club and Trevor to see what can be arranged. May go back to Martinez Mine (without the side trip).
- 12) Social Events for 2021-22 Season – Susan Dona
We will have a really good End of Season and Volunteer Recognition Party. We need to find someone to host the hike leaders party, or change to date to when Bill and Susan will be available.
- 13) In-Reach Training and New Radios – Bruce Odegaard
- a) Bruce has purchased 6 new radios for use on hikes. He spent \$130 of the \$250 budget. Since the radios are easy to use and charge, Bruce asked for permission to buy 6 more for use on all hikes and for back-up when (and if) any fail. Jim Boardman moved that we buy 6 more radios and Susan Dona seconded the motion. The Board approved.
 - b) Bruce has sent instructions for the In-Reach Units to all hike leaders. There will be an In-Reach Training at the Hike Leaders' Meeting at the end of November.
- 14) COVID Vaccination – Susan Dona
May want to include status on the medical cards we carry on backpacks. This is entirely voluntary.
- 15) Recruitment
We generally have the VP attend the new homeowner meetings at the Center or on Zoom. It was suggested that we put General Information about the Hiking Club in the monthly newsletter released by the Union Center. Susan said she would draft an announcement for the 21-22 Hiking Season for the newsletter.
- 16) Develop Agenda for Monthly Meeting
The agenda was developed, created and a copy was sent to Susan Dona.

17) Adjourn

Bill Brown moved the meeting adjourn, and Tracy Mecum seconded the motion. The Board voted approval. The meeting adjourned at 10:48 AM.