

Minutes
Sun City Anthem Hiking Club General Membership Meeting
November 1, 2021 – 6:30 PM
Union Center Ballroom

- **Meeting Called to Order at 6:30 pm by Susan Dona, President.**

Susan introduced of the Executive Board Members –
Barbara Taylor, Vice President
Jim Boardman, Treasurer
Dave Dobmeier, Member at Large
Tracy Mecum – Secretary (non-attending)
Bernie Wood – Membership Coordinator (non-attending)
Bruce Odegaard – Hike Coordinator (non-attending)

Susan also introduced the non-voting appointed members of the Board –
Bill Brown – Webmaster
Kim Odegaard – Communications Coordinator (non-attending)
Greg Waterman – Community Outreach (non-attending)

Susan also introduced Bill Scott who is no longer a member of the Executive Board but continues to conduct new member orientation, safety training and supplies, and helps coordinate trail work.

- **Approve February 22nd General Membership Meeting Minutes** – Susan Dona
Susan requested approval of the February 22, 2021, General Membership Meeting Minutes. Dave Dobmeier moved for approval, Bill Brown seconded, and the minutes were approved.
- **Membership Report** – Susan Dona
Susan explained that Bernie Wood is awaiting the Canadian Border opening, but has submitted the current membership count at 212, with several pending. She reminded the members that dues are due by December 31, 2021, or the membership will lapse and will require resubmission of an application. The annual dues remain \$20, and if a new member paid after April 1, 2021, their membership is valid until December 31, 2022.
- **Elections** – Susan Dona
Susan explained that each year we hold elections for either Secretary and Vice President, or President and Treasurer. Each officer serves a two-year term. This year we will elect a President and Treasurer in December. Susan said she has agreed to serve another term, however, if a member would like to throw a hat in

the ring, please do not hesitate. The duty statement for the Treasurer position was transmitted with the meeting Agenda.

We are asking for nominees for these positions to be submitted to Barbara Taylor by November 19th. Barbara can be reached at: bktaylor3@juno.com Once all the nominees are submitted, we will hold an on-line election and announce the winners at the December General Membership Meeting. In the unlikely event that we have just one nominee for each position, we will hold the election by acclimation. If you submit a member's name as a candidate, make sure the member is willing to serve in the position.

- **Appointments** – Susan Dona

Susan thanked Kim Odegaard for volunteering to serve as Communications Coordinator.

She stated that the Club still has the especially critical position of Website Coordinator to fill. As our membership has grown the importance of the website has also grown. It has become essential to our operation, and it is imperative that we find somebody with the technical background to coordinate with our website maintenance contractor and work with them to troubleshoot problems. We do not expect the appointee to write code, but a working knowledge of the system is needed. The duty statement for this position was sent out with the meeting Agenda. Bill Brown is committed to help whomever his successor is in anyway he can.

- **Protocol for Hikes** – Bill Scott

Bill explained that like last year hikers will meet in the parking lot near the restrooms. Each hike has a departure time stated on the hike detail sheet. Please check-in 10-minutes prior to the departure time. Last year we asked members to stay in their vehicle. This year feel free to walk around and chat with your fellow hikers. Also, the hike leaders will not be organizing carpools, but you are welcome to contact fellow hikers listed on the sign-up page or coordinate rides in the parking lot the morning of the hike.

Bill added that he would be holding an orientation meeting for new members on Thursday, November 11th. Members wanting to attend should provide the names to Deb Martell and indicated who she is.

- **Special Hikes** – Bill Scott

Bill explained that in past years we organized special hikes with experts in their field in addition to our regular Wednesday hikes. These have included photography, birding, archaeology, and docent guided tours of Boyce Thompson Arboretum. With the devoted assistance of Chris Burkhart, we are currently scheduling and organizing special hikes for the new year. They will be

announced on the website and members can sign-up as with regular hikes. However, participation will be limited to the number our experts dictate.

Susan added that Don Simonis is offering a class on November 18th at 10:00 am entitled Archaeology of the Southwest and encouraged members to sign-up for the class.

- **Trail Work – Bill Scott**

Bill described the club's commitment to maintaining the Arnett Creek and LOST Trail and working with the various entities over the past several years. He encouraged members to submit their names to Deb Martell to receive notifications of trail workdays. He explained that we normally meet in the parking lot at 7:45, travel to the designated trailhead, work for about two hours, then go to lunch in Superior. He added that you don't have to be Sampson to get involved – there are tasks from building rock cairns to clipping bushes.

- **Hike Leaders – Susan Dona**

We are always on the lookout for new hike leaders. Each volunteer will be trained on hike protocol and safety procedures and will lead their debut hike with an experienced hike leader. The volunteer will have opportunities to explore hikes with others that are familiar with the route and explore & design new hikes to add to our database.

She added that Bruce Odegaard recently purchased twelve walkie-talkie that will be available in the closet behind the gym check-in desk. Hike leaders can check-out the devices and return them to their labeled location. Since they are stored on a charging device the walkie-talkie will always be ready for use on Wednesday morning. They are extremely easy to use. Just make sure the two hikers holding the radios are on the same channel.

- **Spring Adventure – Cedar Mesa – Susan Dona**

Susan reminded the attendees that COVID and Mother Nature conspired to make us cancel our fall adventure to Cedar Mesa in Utah. This was a very popular adventure with over 45 hikers signed up for the trip, and we were all disappointed to cancel. Bruce Odegaard is once again working to get the permits required and we look forward a successful overnight Utah adventure in March 2022.

- **Cookout – Susan Dona**

Unfortunately, last year we had to skip the pre-Thanksgiving Cookout due to the pandemic. Susan announced this year we will hold the event at Oracle State Park. We will offer three hikes at various levels within the park and provide an opportunity to tour the Kannally Ranch House. Members have volunteered to provide a grilled lunch for our dining pleasure. Park entry is \$7 per vehicle and

requires the exact amount at the unstaffed kiosk. We are also requesting a \$5 contribution for lunch.

- **Speakers for Meetings** – Susan Dona
Susan reminded us that prior to COVID our General Meetings included guest speakers or member presentations. She recalled Kati Selby's adventure as a Sourdough on the Chilkoot Trail in Alaska, Barbara and Brian Taylor's hike on the Inca Trail in Peru, and Donna and Jeff Johnstone's treks in Scotland. She asked that if any member had the opportunity to get out for an exciting adventure and would like to share their memories and photos with us, please let her know.
- **Photos on Cluster** – Susan Dona
Please limit your photos to 3 or 4 from a specific hike and include date and location. Also, since often take pictures of the same formation, etc., please check to see if a photo like yours has already been posted.
- **Meeting adjourned at 7:15.**