

**Sun City Anthem Hiking Club  
Board Meeting Minutes  
November 18, 2021, 9:00 am**

**Attendees: Susan Dona, Bill Brown, Bruce Odegaard, Kim Odegaard, Tracy Mecum, Barbara Taylor, Dave Dobmeier, Bernie Wood, Jim Boardman**

- 1) Call Meeting to Order – Susan called Board Meeting to order at 9:00 AM.
- 2) Approval of October 14, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes – (via e-mail) There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. Board approved.
- 3) Members Report – Bernie Wood  
Membership is currently 227 hikers. Of this, 122 have renewed membership for next year and there are 29 new members.
- 4) Treasurer’s Report – Jim Boardman  
Jim presented the budget for last year and the end of year estimate of funds in our account.
- 5) Website Update – Bill Brown  
Bill reported that the following website issues have been solved or a close to being solved:
  - a) The website allowing the same person to sign up twice for a hike. Solved.
  - b) When someone answers ‘No’ to ‘Can you drive?’, it will appear as Yes on the hiker list and not No. Solved.
  - c) The issue of the system adding odd characters to the front of a member’s email when they change their profile. Solved.
  - d) The email issue (i.e., being able to email members through our website) is progressing well. (Nearly solved.)

Bill would also like to make it possible to fill out the membership application and email it on-line, which would greatly simplify the membership process. This is something that everyone agreed would be a good future development.

Bill is still looking into selecting a more responsive website management firm.

We are still looking for someone to step into Bill's shoes and we would be willing to pay for that help and advertise for a person to fill that position. The most necessary trait for that person would be the ability to understand what the problem or goal is with our website and properly communicate this information to our selected website development firm. Several suggestions were made on how to accomplish this. Bruce indicated he had asked someone he knew who was a possible candidate. We are awaiting response from this potential person before proceeding further.

6) 2022 Budget Development – Jim Boardman & all members

The Board helped develop a budget for next year. After much discussion, we came up with a plan to present to the membership at the December meeting. The Board also discussed a possible dues increase for 2023 to \$30/member.

7) Election Nominees & Appointees – Susan Dona

No one has stepped forward to fill the Treasurer's position or the Website Coordinator appointed position. Jim Boardman's plans have changed so he will remain treasurer for awhile longer, but we still need to coax someone from our membership to fill the position. Susan plans to ask Steve McDonnell if he would consider the Treasurer position, as he has shown interest in the past. Susan has agreed to remain President. We are still looking to fill the Website Coordinator position (see #5 Website Update).

8) Hike Leaders' Meeting Nov 18<sup>th</sup> Afternoon – Bruce Odegaard

There will be a hike leader's meeting this afternoon. The plan is to complete filling the remaining hikes with hike leaders, have In-Reach Training, show a couple films on safety/first aid, and eat pizza.

9) Special Hikes – Susan Dona

The Jeep Hike (Dec 8) and the Bird Hike (Feb 23) are scheduled. There are two more special hikes, Boyce-Thompson and the Photo Hike, that remain to be scheduled. Chris Burkhart and Bill Scott handle this schedule. Kim Odegaard plans to talk with Bill Scott about the Photo Hike.

- 10) Trail work and Outreach – Greg Waterman’s Report by Susan Dona  
Greg was unable to attend the meeting, however there will be Trail Work with the Arizona Wilderness Workcrew on December 10<sup>th</sup> in Telegraph Canyon.
- 11) Develop Agenda for Dec 6<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting – All members  
Call to order – Susan Dona  
Approve Minutes – Susan Dona  
Membership Report – Bernie Wood  
Present 2022 Budget – Jim Boardman  
Election/Appointments – Susan Dona  
Cluster Reminder – Kim Odegaard  
Hike Leaders Needed – Bruce Odegaard  
Trailwork – Greg Waterman  
Adjourn
- 12) Adjourn  
The Board voted to adjourn at 10:58 AM.