

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

- **Meeting Called to Order at 6:30 pm by Susan Dona, President.**
Susan introduced new members to the club.

- **Approve November 1, 2021 General Membership Meeting Minutes – Susan Dona**
Susan requested approval of the November 1, 2021, General Membership Meeting Minutes. Sandy Preugschat moved for approval, Kim Odegard seconded, and the minutes were approved.

- **Membership Report – Bernie Wood**
Bernie announced that we have 231 new and renewing members of the club. About 50 members from last year haven't renewed as yet. Members not renewing by the end of December will need to fill out a new member form before paying their dues. They will not need to go through orientation or the short hike.

- **Present 2022 Budget – Jim Boardman**
Jim presented the budget for 2022 and the Financial Report for 2021 with projected year-end balances. Jim called our attention to our need for a new Website Coordinator to replace Bill Brown. If we cannot replace Bill with an internal volunteer, we will need to hire someone for this position from outside our group. Making this a paid position will likely cause a raise in the dues for 2023 to \$30 per hiker.

- **Elections – Susan Dona**
There was only one candidate for each of the positions of club President and Treasurer. Therefore, in accordance with the Club By-Laws, the single candidate for the positions of President and Treasurer was elected by acclamation.

Effective January 1, 2022, there is a change in the Key Executives of the Sun City Anthem Hiking Club due to the term of James D. Boardman expiring. James is replaced by Steven McDonnell as Treasurer. The new listing of Key Executives is Susan Dona and Steven McDonnell.

- **Appointments – Susan Dona**
Susan again underscored our need for a Website Coordinator. If anyone is interested, please contact Barb Taylor at bktaylor3@juno.com or Susan Dona at sedona549@gail.com. Bill Brown (the current website coordinator) is committed to training the new person and answering any question they may have along the

way. This position is more of a 'communication' position where the coordinator investigates the problem and lets our website maintenance crew know what problems we are experiencing so they can make corrections.

- **Photos on Cluster** – Kim Odegaard
Please limit your photos to 3 or 4 from a specific hike and include date and location. She further explained that we have a certain amount of storage space that's allotted to us, and we need keep our storage below that or the fees are too high for the Club to absorb. Also, since we often take pictures of the same things on a hike, please check to see if a photo like yours has already been posted.

- **Hike Leaders Needed** – Bruce Odegaard
Bruce explained that we offer between 4 and 5 hikes per week. This translates to more than 50 hikes just between January and March of the hiking season. We currently have 16 hike leaders. This means that many of our hike leaders are leading between 3 and 4 hikes (often more) during just this period of the hiking season. We would like to reduce this burden on our hike leaders. We also need to provide back-up to those leaders who become injured or get sick prior to their hike. Please contact Bruce if you are interested in becoming a hike leader.

- **Special Hikes** – Susan Dona
Susan sent a message to Chris Burkhart for the Boyce Thompson/Wallace Garden special hike. The Bird hike is scheduled for February 23rd. The Photography special hike date is still pending.

- **Trail Work – Greg Waterman**
Greg said that our trail work generally takes place around Superior in the Picketpost/Arnett Creek area.
 - This Friday, Dec 10, we will be working with AZ Wild in Telegraph Canyon to remove wild and invasive plants. We also complete trimming in this area.
 - We have been asked by the Forest Service and Arizona Trail to help put up 2 ramadas in the Picketpost area, which we will do.
 - The Forest Service needs to complete the FS-4 road bypass to develop a new Arnett Creek Trailhead.
 - Arnett Creek is 85% complete. We will pass through the area once more for final clean-up later this season.
 - Our group filled the washouts in the Picketpost Trailhead Parking Lot with gravel.
 - We need to repair a washout on the LOST trail near the east end of the airport in Superior.
 - We are in the process of staining our new signs that we put up last year where they have dried out and are cracking.

If anyone is interested in helping with trail work on Fridays, please contact us (gregh20man@gmail.com). It's a great way to meet new people and give back to

the community to support the trails we use so frequently. Greg also reminded folks that there were Hiking Club hats for sale for \$15.

- Mike Cox announced that 96 Ranch hike will no longer be available. The property is under new ownership and No Trespassing signs have been posted.
- **Meeting adjourned at 7:04.** – Motion to adjourn Steve McDonnell; 2nd Jim Boardman – members voted approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy S. Mecum
Secretary
Sun City Anthem Hiking Club