

**MINUTES**  
**Sun City Anthem Hiking Club**  
**Board Meeting**  
**January 20, 2022, 9:00 am**

Attendees: Susan Dona, Barb Taylor, Tracy Mecum, Steve McDonnell, Bill Brown, Bernie Wood, Dave Dobmeier, Bruce Odegaard, Greg Waterman

**1. Call Meeting to Order - Susan Dona**

The meeting was called to order at 8:59 AM.

**2. Approve December 16, 2021 Minutes**

Barb Taylor made a motion to approve minutes as written.

Bruce Odegaard seconded the motion.

The Board voted approval.

**3. Membership Report - Bernie Wood**

Bernie reported we have 210 active members.

**4. Financial Report - Steve McDonnell**

**i. 2021 Financial Reports**

A few adjustments were made to the Dec 31, 2021 Final Financial Report, which increased the ending balance from \$4,127 to \$4,390. We collected additional dues and had a few additional PayPal expenses that increased the balance from the original estimate.

**ii. Membership Impact on Budget - 2022**

Susan proposed and the Board agreed to change the basis for dues in the 2022 Budget from an estimated 250 members to 225 members. Steve will make this adjustment.

**5. Hiking Report - Bruce Odegaard**

**i. Spring Adventure status - Utah trip**

All arrangements are going well. Don and Marcia(chk spelling) Simonis will lecture about hikes and area at the Bears Ears Community Center. The Thursday will be to Sand Island. The Simonis will be waiting at the Towers for the hikes that go there to do a talk about the area. The Board agreed that we would not make any arrangements for spouses who don't hike.

ii. **Fall Adventure options/ideas**

The Board tossed around several ideas: Page Nov 3, Balloons Nov 5; Chiracahuas; Flagstaff. Decided on Flagstaff on Oct 26.

iii. **Issues on hikes**

A few hikers have complained because hikes are more difficult than expected. We will, therefore, be putting a note to this effect on certain hikes that are slightly or maybe even considerably more difficult than normal. Each Hike Coordinator is tasked with picking out these hikes. Any information about changes in coordinates or distances should go through Bruce and he will decide if a change needs to be made.

iv. **Hike Leader Training**

There are a couple more hike leaders who need training. This training will be arranged soon. We have received permission from the Fire Department to do a refresher training for hike leaders. A notification will be sent out when a date is set.

6. **Trail Work Progress - Greg Waterman**

i. **Picketpost Ramadas**

Footers have been completed and gardens have been created. Friday, Jan 23 plan to carry large pieces to Trailhead. Boyce-Thompson will be put them in place.

ii. **Easement - Arnett Creek to Parking Lot**

Town of Superior will take on putting in the Road. The Easement for the trailhead has been approved and in a couple of weeks we may be able to work on putting in the new trail access. The road will take a bit longer.

iii. **Aiport Project**

Archaeologist is doing a report on the trailhead project near the Airport. Hopefully the town will approve based on this report so we can begin building this trailhead. There are excess roads leading to the trailhead; these will need to be closed off.

7. **Website Report - Bill Brown**

i. **Membership Process**

Has been totally revamped so that the membership form can be brought up and filled out on-line. Steve issues invoice that goes to Bernie and new member. Bernie is notified when payment comes through.

ii. **New Website Maintenance Company**

Radiate's contract is up on Feb 13. Are working to get the new company, Moon House Media, up and running by Feb 13.

**iii. New Website Coordinator**

Rita Vendetti used to live over in Parkside, but has since moved to Florence. She works with Parkside on their website and is excited about working with us to help maintain our website. She charges between \$30-50 per hour, but we can buy 10-hour packages for \$250. Bill proposed we buy the 10-hour package for 5 months (hiking season) and then for the off-season, pay her \$100 per month to do website-related work. Susan asked for a motion to hire Rita Vendetti as our Website Coordinator. Bernie Wood made the motion; Bruce Odegaard seconded it; and the Board voted approval. The Board discussed how this development would affect our budget, and determined that we would increase the dues by \$10 to \$30 per year. Dave Dobmeier made a motion for the dues increase to \$30 per year; Bruce Odegaard seconded it; and the Board voted approval.

**8. General Meeting/End of Season/Volunteer Recognition Event - March 28 -**

Susan Dona

**i. Last Meeting of the Season**

Tracy confirmed that we have the Patio available for the meeting, as well as the entire ballroom.

**ii. Ideas for Recognition**

50/50 Raffle

**iii. Food & Beverage**

Susan will check with Leslie regarding the rules for food and beverage in the Union Center. We are considering serving wraps purchased from Costco or Subway sandwiches at a special 'club rate' from Subway.

**9. Agenda for February Meeting**

- i. Call Meeting to Order
- ii. Approval of Dec 6, 2021 Meeting
- iii. Membership Report
- iv. Bylaws change approval
- v. Trail Work Presentation
- vi. Website Coordinator/Dues increase Announcement
- vii. Presentation of What We Did During COVID
- viii. Adjourn

**10. Adjourn - Meeting was adjourned at 10:26 AM.**