

Minutes

Hiking Club General Membership Meeting

November 14, 2022

1. **Call Meeting to Order**

Susan Dona called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. The Board Members present were introduced.

2. **Approve March Meeting Minutes**

Erin Downey made a motion to approve the March 28, 2022 Meeting Minutes. Jim Boardman seconded the motion. The membership voted approval.

3. **Membership Report**

Bernie Wood reported that the club currently has 235 members with 33% having renewed their membership. She outlined the process to renew dues.

- Sign onto the website
- Access the Login tab
- Pick the User Profile Option
- Pick Renew Subscription.

A link to the membership due renewal is also now found on the website home page.

4. **Introduce New Members**

New members Cindy and Mike Parker and Don Park introduced themselves. Susan reported the loss of 3 former hike club members – Wally Krohl, Charlanne Milroy, and Glenn Evans. A moment of silence followed. Wally was involved in the Food Bank at the Mountain View Church should any members like to donate in his memory.

5. **Nominations for Vice President and Secretary**

Susan asked that any interested members interested in either of these positions can contact Dave Dobmeier at Daviddobmeier@yahoo.com in the next 3 weeks. Either Dave or Susan can provide information on the duties. The terms for both positions are 2 years. Survival of the club is dependent on volunteers!

6. **Explanation of Change to the Website**

Bill Brown provided an overview of the updated website, which is critical to the operation of the club. The old website had many behind-the-scenes issues. The new website looks very similar to the previous website, but the back end has been cleaned up. There is no customization and maintenance should be significantly simplified. This summer, Bill and Susan updated over 300 pages of information within the system. One of the enhancements of the website is a Google Maps link that shows the trailhead. Work in progress includes hike leader attendee reports and the printing of hike detail sheets. Many thanks to Bill and Susan for their hard work and support of this important Hiking Club icon.

7. **Update on Trail Work**

Greg Waterman provided an update of last year's work: a half mile of new trail, two

ramadas at Picket Post, two cacti gardens, GPS for some trails, signage at Arnett Creek. This work is coordinated (and appreciated by) the Forestry Service. The work crews go out every Friday morning, departing at 8:00 AM with work wrapping up around 11 AM (usually followed by lunch). Most workers arrive a bit early around 7:50 AM. Any member is welcome to join the crew. You can come once or many times. Work this year will include helping with the Superior Burrow Race. The club volunteers cleared the trail and helped the search and rescue teams. Arnett Creek and Picket Post Trails have been tidied up after the annual monsoon season. New this year will be a planting program targeting milkweed to attract butterflies. Greg thanked all the work crew volunteers. Anyone wanting to help can contact Bill Scott or Greg Waterman.

8. **Thanksgiving Hikes and Cookouts**

Susan Dona reminded members to check out the website/calendar for the hikes on Nov 23rd at the Lost Dutchman State Park. In addition to the 4 hikes, there will be hot dogs and hamburgers prepared by volunteer gourmet chefs. Cost for the food is \$7 payable prior to the hike via the website. (no refunds as food will be purchased based on registrations). Of note, the cost per vehicle has increased to \$10 per vehicle. There will also be a draw for a \$50 gift certificate for the Poston Butte Golf Course or the Grille. Those with food sensitivities are welcome to bring their own lunch and join in the camaraderie.

9. **Ideas for Speakers and Special Hikes**

Susan asked that members submit ideas for speakers at monthly meetings or for special hikes. Previous special hikes for photography, birding, archaeology, and joint Jeep Club/Hiking Club events have been well attended and may be repeated. Suggestions for new hikes include a special tour of the Casa Grande Ruins and foraging in the desert. Speaker suggestions included a Cotton Gin presentation and a high-level geology presentation. Additional ideas can be submitted to Chris Burkhart or Bill Scott.

10. **2nd Annual Luminaria Hike Dec 3rd**

Greg Waterman recommended this evening hike held from 5-8 pm in Superior. The hike is lit by luminaries and is followed by cookies and hot chocolate.

11. **Spring Trip**

Mark your calendars for the March 21-22 spring hiking trip in Bisbee. In addition to the hikes, there are several attractions in and near Bisbee. Spouses and friends are welcome to join the activities, but hikes are limited to club members only.

12. **Other Items**

When registering for hikes, if there is a possibility you might be able to drive, please indicate so. You may not be required to drive, but it is easier for the hike leaders to coordinate travel if all drivers are listed. Hike Club hats are available and for sale for \$15. These make great Christmas gifts. See Donna Waterman to purchase.

12. **Adjourn – 7:13 PM**