

Minutes
Sun City Anthem Hiking Club
Board Meeting
November 17, 2022, 9:00 am

1. **Call Meeting to Order** - Susan Dona, President, called meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

2. **Approve October 13, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes**
Susan asked for approval of the October 13, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes. David Dobmeier moved that the minutes be approved as submitted, Bruce Odegaard seconded the motion, and the Board voted approval.

3. **Membership Report**
Bernie Wood reported 232 members as of the meeting. During discussion, she requested that there be a membership renewal link under membership on the website. Bill Brown noted that he thought there was something online already for renewal of membership. Upon checking, there is a menu item under membership titled "Renewal" currently on the website. Susan also reported that we have begun sending a representative to new homeowner orientation again.

4. **Hiking Coordinator Status**
 - a. Hike assignments for Jan, Feb, Mar
During the time of the meeting, there were 12 hikes left that needed leaders after about a week after releasing hikes to hike leaders.
 - b. Hike Leader Meeting - The meeting scheduled for Nov 17 was cancelled because coordinators were unable to get an event set up with the Fire Department by that time. They will be doing a small emergency training for hike leaders at the Fire Department and will finish with pizza for attendees.
 - c. Hike Leader Party, March 13th. Erin has volunteered her house, and the scheduled date corresponds well with her schedule.

5. **Website Report**
Everything is working out well currently. Next on the agenda is getting the Hike Detail Sheet to print out as it appears on the website and looking into printing the list of hikers. Our current experiment is to see how well it works to collect the fee for the cookout through the website.

6. **Finance Report**

Steve McDonnell handed out the finance report and a starting form for setting up the budget for 2024.

7. Budget Requirements from Officers

In discussing the budget, Bill suggested that since we have an expense of \$85 for the cookout, we should record a corresponding income of \$85 in the Income area of the budget. We will have additional income and expenses, we should at least collect enough money to off-set the cost of the event. Bruce suggested that we reduce the cost of hike leader/volunteer gatherings to \$300 and add \$50 to the radio-safety equipment costs, since our battery chargers are failing sooner than expected. After a brief discussion, the Board decided to keep the Volunteer Gatherings/Year End amount at \$525.

8. 2024 Dues Analysis and Decision

Steve gave the Board a breakdown of what the budget would be if we kept the dues at \$30 a person or reduced them to \$25 or \$20 a person. After a brief discussion, the Board elected to keep the dues at the current level of \$30 a person. This was based on the rising costs for everything and the likelihood of not having to raise dues again for a longer period.

9. Thanksgiving Cookout Status

Everything is set for the Thanksgiving Cookout. The only potential issue is the UI hike appears to take longer than expected by almost half an hour. So, the Board agreed that the UI hike should begin half an hour sooner than originally scheduled to keep the hikes coming in at 15-minute intervals.

10. Potential and Volunteers for Board Positions

Gino has volunteered to take over as Website Coordinator (Bill Brown would stay involved as trainer). Bill discussed having Gino enter new hikes for the Winter-Spring of 2023 to help familiarize him with the backdoor of the website. Robin Bistline has volunteered to be Vice President. Since Martha Scott would be relieved entering hikes for the year, she was mentioned as a potential candidate for the Secretarial position.

11. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned with approval of all Board members at 10:10 AM.