

**Minutes**  
**Sun City Anthem Hiking Club**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**Ballroom, December 5, 2022, 6:30 pm**

**Call Meeting to Order**

Susan Dona called the meeting to order at 6:33pm.

**Confirm Quorum (need 34 attendees)**

Confirmed 37 members were in attendance. Quorum was met.

**Approve November 14, 2022, General Membership Meeting Minutes**

Sam Gomes made a motion that the minutes be approved as written. Bruce Odegaard seconded the motion. The membership voted approval of the minutes as submitted.

**Introduce New Members '**

No new members were present at meeting.

**Approve New Executive Board Members by Acclamation**

Candidates:

Robin Bistline, Vice President

Martha Scott, Secretary

Robin Bistline and Martha Scott were voted into their respective positions by acclamation. The vote was unanimous.

**2023 Proposed Budget - Steve McDonnell**

Steve McDonnell presented the 2023 budget for the club. Susan Dona made a note that as of the date of the meeting, there were 84 members who had not renewed their membership. Given this, we may fall a short of the projected dues which was based on 225 members. If so, we will need to adjust next year's expenses.

After some discussion, Bernie Wood made a motion to accept the budget as submitted. Brian Mangold seconded the motion. The membership voted approval.

## **Request for Volunteers - Bill Scott**

Bill Scott made a request for volunteers.

- Hike Leaders and Sweeps are always needed. There will be a training for Hike Leaders at the Fire Station sometime in January or February of 2023.
- Trail work, based in the Superior area, always needs volunteers. Anyone interested can volunteer by meeting at the Union Center parking lot on Friday at 7:50am. Members are welcome to volunteer as frequently as they want.
- Desert Planting - This volunteer position entails watering plants, planting seeds, like brittlebush and milkweed. We have a contact at Boyce Thompson who is experimenting with taking living arms from burned saguaros and replanting them so they can continue growing.
- Need someone to help plan the Social/Volunteer Acknowledgment/End of Season Party this year on March 27 (Monday). We've scheduled the Ballroom and outdoor patio starting at 4-5:30 for set-up, 5:30 to 6:30 (Social), 6:30 to 7:30 (Meeting) and 7:30 to 8 for cleanup.
- Potluck - Many people have asked if we will schedule a Potluck for our next hiking season. We need someone to organize the Potluck if we want to have one. PLEASE NOTE: The previous organizer has left an excellent procedure to help whoever decides to plan the Potluck.
- Tool maintenance - We need someone to help maintain trail equipment. Chris Burkhardt and Bill Scott wrote a grant on behalf of LOST Trail system. LOST received \$7800 from the grant, which allowed us to purchase trail maintenance equipment for the LOST trail system in Superior.
- Grant Coordinator - We need someone to help write grants for LOST for trail development and maintenance.
- Miscellaneous Needs - We also have need for an educator to help plan training courses and someone to help our current surveyor with his duties, Brian Mangold - an assistant surveyor.

## **Review Trail Work and Community Outreach - Greg Waterman**

- The [Superstition Mountain Museum](#) will have a speaker every Thursday at 2 PM beginning in January 2023.
- [Casa Grande Ruins National Monument](#) has a speaker every Wednesday at 2 PM, through January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- The Luminaria Walk in Superior was postponed to Saturday, Dec 10, due to the rain.

- Our annual Thanksgiving cookout was a success with 50 members participating. The cooks and food got rave reviews, and everyone had a fun time.

### **President's Corner**

Susan acknowledged Chris Burkhart and Bill Scott for their contributions to the club.

- **Special Hikes**

Bill and Chris have arranged a tour of a [Caywood Farms Cotton Gin](#) in Casa Grande on February 8th. The cost will be \$15 in cash per person and will last 2-1/2 to 3 hours. We will be able to sign up for this event the same way we sign up for our regular hikes.

Greg leading the special Jeep/Hike outing on January 18. Participation will be limited to the number of jeeps available. These are enclosed jeeps to protect the participants from the elements.

Chris has arranged for a Ranger Andrea Corello from Lost Dutchman State Park to give a talk on the important subject of Desert Survival during our meeting on Monday, February 6, 2023.

Chris is also negotiating with Ranger Corello arrange special hike focused on Edible and Medicinal Plants.

- **Meetings:**

There is no General Membership meeting scheduled for January 2023.

The Volunteer/End of Season Party and Meeting will be Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. The club will provide food.

There was some discussion that it would be easier to arrange for speakers if our meetings were earlier in the day. It was discussed at the meeting that perhaps changing the meeting to 4 to 5 PM might work.

- **Spring Adventure to Bisbee**

Our Spring trip will be held March 21 and 22 in Bisbee, Arizona. Get your lodging early if you plan to go.

- Potluck

Prior to COVID, we held a highly successful potluck. It was reemphasized that we need volunteers to organize the potluck. The attendees agreed that a Monday in late January would still work for scheduling the event and a majority wanted to reinstitute the potluck.

**Questions & Answers**

There were no questions.

**Adjourn**

Bill Brown made motion to adjourn; Bernie Wood seconded the motion, and the membership voted approval. The meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.