

Minutes  
Sun City Anthem Hiking Club  
Board Meeting,  
January 19, 2023, 3:00pm  
Conference Room

Call meeting to order: Susan Dona called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm.

Attending: Susan Dona, Greg Waterman, Bruce Odegaard, Bernie Wood, Dave Dobmeier, Steve McDonnell, Robin Bistline, Martha Scott. Guest: Bill Scott.  
Absent: Bill Brown.

Approve December 15, 2022, Board Meeting minutes: Dave so moved, Bernie seconded. Board approved.

Membership Report: Bernie reported 15 new members have joined so far in January. 189 total members. We received a lot of interest from the community at the Lifestyle Expo in early Jan. Dave also reported that New Resident Orientation had several new residents interested in the Club.

Financial Report and Annual Reports to HOA: Steve distributed the Financial Report for Jan 1-18, 2023. Financial Reports have been turned in to the HOA. Susan distributed the adjusted 2023 Proposed Annual Budget- Adjusted. The 2 inReach have been sold by Bill Brown.

Calendar for 2023: Martha distributed the 2023-24 timeline with tentative meeting and social dates for the Club. Discussion on Board meeting dates followed with 2 members unable to attend on Thursday due to a commitment. We agreed to meet on the fourth Monday of the month from 3-5 pm. Martha to see if the Cushman Conference Room is available for those dates.

Report on Expo: Susan reported the Lifestyle Expo was a great success and fun for those that volunteered. We had a lot of interest from community residents. One member joined that day. A sheet with the Club's QR gave some a quick link to our website. Will plan to be a part of the Expo next year.

January 21 Community Hike Plan: Bill Scott and Greg went to Poston Butte on Thursday afternoon and marked the route to get to the trail with small red flag

markers. Bill explained the details of the event. He would like several leaders available as we do not know how many residents will show up. He will ask the hike leaders at the Hike Leader meeting scheduled for Friday. Susan has a handout of Charles Poston that she will give to the hike leaders. We will have small groups with each leader and a sweep.

Bisbee visit and plans - Greg, Bruce, and Bill did a pre-trip visit to Bisbee to explore the hiking opportunities. Tuesday afternoon activities include a version of the 1000 steps climb and the Queen Mine tour. There will be three hikes on Wednesday morning at Brown Canyon Ranch near Sierra Vista. Bisbee is a fun, historical town to explore. Susan to arrange for payment for the Queen Mine tour to be on our website through Paypal.

#### New Business:

- Robin volunteered to pass out information about our Club to interested residents at the Fitness Desk if we develop a brochure. Susan to handle writing the brochure.
- Susan explained that there is a new tab on our website under Hikes- Exploratory Hikes-Sign up. This allows our members to register if they are interested in going on Exploratory hikes with our leaders. Our leaders may contact them when going on an exploratory hike.
- Greg has 12 hats left. Greg will give Susan the information on prices to order more.
- The ranger lead Edible and Medicinal Plant hike at Lost Dutchman State Park is available for our Club on Wednesday, March 29. Discussion followed with the Board deciding to postpone the hike until next Fall as this is the final Wednesday of our season. Susan will contact Chris Burkhart.
- Greg announced the Thanksgiving cookout has been booked at Peralta Regional Park Pavilion by Chris Burkhart.
- Bruce suggested a special event to Saguaro Lake and rent kayaks.
- The Jeep hike will be rescheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> of February. Greg will follow up.
- The Jeep Club would like our Club's name tag layout to copy for their Club. Bernie and Bruce to follow-up.
- Greg would like to encourage and promote our members to volunteer with our Club. Many have special skills such as advertising, event coordinating, and woodworking. He would like to see more members involved with our Club. Board agrees to promote this.

- Greg suggested a special hike to Yarnell Fire Memorial with a possible overnight.
- The Page trip is scheduled for Wednesday, November 1 and Thursday, November 2. The balloon festival begins on Friday.
- Feb 6 Club Meeting and Guest Speaker - Board members to bring 1 dozen cookies.
- Bruce distributed the responses from an email he sent to our hike leaders requesting any suggestions, questions, ideas or issues they may have. 6 hike leaders gave a response. Discussion followed. Susan to follow-up with turning off the hiker response emails leaders are receiving, and adding "distance and elevation are approximate" on the Hikes section of our website.

Adjournment: Susan so moved, Greg seconded. Board approved.