

Minutes  
Sun City Anthem Hiking Club  
Board Meeting,  
March 14, 2023, 3:00pm  
Robin Bistline's home

1. Call meeting to order: Susan Dona called the meeting to order at 3:00pm. Attending: Susan Dona, Bill Brown, Greg Waterman, Bruce Odegaard, Dave Dobmeier, Robin Bistline, Steve McDonnell, Martha Scott. Absent: Bernie Wood
2. Membership Report: Susan reported our membership is 195 members, not 198 as reported on February 20.
3. Website Coordinator: Bill reported that this is his last Board meeting. The Board needs to search for his replacement. This individual will work with Mike Moon as needed for changes/adjustments to our website. Gino Loni will not be taking over but will assist Susan with adding hikes to the calendar. Greg says he has heard from individuals that might be interested. Coming soon to our website is a tab to print a replacement name tag for members who need to update their medical/emergency information.
4. Financial Report: Steve reviewed the financial report from Feb 14-Mar 10, 2023. Bruce purchased 2 radios for \$38.40. Martha was reimbursed \$276.00 for payment to Queen Mine Tour. The Year End Party/Volunteer Event costs will be reduced due to switching to potluck style event.
5. PayPal Alternative - Susan and Steve.
  - a. Zelle pros -
    - Free and fast
    - Secure transactions
    - Integrates with many banking apps
    - You don't need the recipient's banking information
    - There are no receiving limits
  - Zelle cons
    - There's no fraud protection
    - Only supports US banks accounts
    - You can't cancel payments

- i. No cost
    - ii. No personal information is stored, transfer is bank to bank
    - iii. Canadian issue - must have US bank account and US based phone number
    - iv. Membership acceptance and training to use Zelle
    - v. Renewals and new member dues will need to be manually recorded (currently automatic recording for renewals).  
Robin to look into details of what information the payee sees such as name, email address, and memo section.
    - vi. Need to research if Zelle can be used for payments for events such as the Cookout and Mine Tour
  - b. Reverting to checks and cash - Accept checks from our Canadian members. US residents to use Zelle. The treasurer and membership coordinator will need to develop a system for accepting dues and other payments. More time consuming. Steve will be unavailable next January/February due to traveling overseas.
  - c. Changing the website to reflect selected payment method. The website will have to be updated to the new payment system with detailed instructions and steps to use Zelle.
  - d. Closing PayPal account process - Bill's Paypal account for our Club will close on May 1.
  - e. Bruce looked into pay programs that other non-profits use such as Toastmasters. VISA and MasterCard also have pay programs but uncertain as to how they work or their costs
  - f. Agreed to further discuss the future payment system at our April Board meeting.
6. Community Outreach - Greg reported that the Luminaria Walk in Superior is scheduled for December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Need to select dates for the kayak outing and evening cookout and add them to the Club calendar. There is no horseback outing opportunity close to us.
7. Bisbee and Page plans - Bruce and Greg reported they are ready for the Bisbee trip. The Page trip is being developed. Susan will add a registration signup on the website to give us an idea of how many are planning to go on the trip. We also need a registration signup for the Mystical Canyon tour on Wednesday. The price of the tour depends on the number of people that sign up. The tour operator requests cash only. The tour is on the Navajo reservation and observes Mountain Daylight Time. This tour will coordinate

with the Horseshoe Bend hike at 3pm that afternoon. Martha will give Susan information on these activities.

8. Closing Social - Susanne Connelly is organizing this event. 20 people have registered to attend so far. Encourage members to sign up so we will have an idea how many to plan for. There are outside games planned - a ladder game, Bingo, and 2 sets of corn hole. Susan will be recognizing volunteers. The Board chose Bill Brown as our Outstanding Volunteer for the season. Prizes will be given out for the games.
9. New Business - Dave has decided to step down as Member at Large at the end of the year. We should start looking for his replacement. Dave will attend the New Homeowners orientation meeting in April but will be leaving for the summer after that.
10. Old Business - Susan and Robin will get together after the hiking season in March to discuss Club communication that Robin will assist with. Robin and Bill will work on a trifold that Robin can hand out at the activities desk.
11. Next Meeting: Monday, April 3, 3-5 pm in the Cushman Conference Room.

Adjournment: Steve so moved, Bruce seconded. Board approved.