

Sun City Anthem Hiking Club  
General Membership Meeting & Closing Social  
Monday, March 27, 2023, 5:30pm  
Union Center Ballroom & Patio

1. Meeting called to order by Susan Dona at 5:35pm.
2. Approval of minutes of February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting  
Tracy Mecum made a motion to approve, Robin Bistline seconded, approved.
3. Year In Review
  - a. We currently have 195 members, 47 of which joined since October.
  - b. We started our season in October with a trip to Flagstaff.
  - c. In November we had our 4<sup>th</sup> annual cook out at Lost Dutchman State Park.
  - d. We had to postpone the January Jeep Adventure to March due to rain, but the March excursion was very successful.
  - e. In February we enjoyed the Caywood Farms Cotton Tour.
  - f. This month, The Bisbee Adventure was a great success and all that participated appreciated Brown Canyon protecting us from the wind.
    - i. Thanks to Bruce Odegaard, Greg Waterman and Bill Scott for scouting out the location and making sure we had safe, fun hikes.
  - g. Our last hikes of the season will be this Wednesday. We have a combo Short & Casual Intermediate hike to Round Mountain in Globe, and the combined Intermediate/Upper Intermediate hike on the Wild Burro Trail at Dove Mountain.
  - h. Our hiking stats were not quite as good as last year when we had fewer rain days, but much better than the year before when we had way too much COVID.
    - i. This year we offered 76 hikes.
    - ii. We led 785 hikers out on the trails.
    - iii. We hiked a total of 3,573 miles (hikers x average miles).
4. Next Year's Plans
  - a. We will kick-off next season with our Fall trip to Page. The hike days for this adventure have shifted forward one day to allow us to enjoy the Lake Powell Balloon Regatta and Street Fair.
    - i. You've already received information about the Horseshoe Bend Rafting Trip on October 31, and the Mystical Canyon Tour on November 1. A pre-registration page on the website calendar for these events. Additional information about sign-ups for these options and the hikes will be emailed when the plans are solidified. On November 1 at 3:00pm we will all meet to explore the Horseshoe Bend Overlook just south of Page. There is so much to do in Page, but if you plan to explore Antelope Canyon be aware that it is very popular so make reservations early.

- b. This year's cook-out will be on November 22<sup>nd</sup> at the new Peralta Regional Park. As in previous years, there will be hikes at various levels in advance of the cook-out. Jack Dale and Mark Smith will do the grilling, but we need additional volunteers to help with the set-up and clean up.
  - c. On December 2<sup>nd</sup> we have an opportunity to participate in an evening luminary hike in Superior. Greg will be looking for volunteers to help place the candles along the Old Hwy 60 route.
  - d. We are reinstating our annual Potluck on January 15, 2024. We will be looking for volunteers and an event leader to organize this popular event.
  - e. We are also looking into a group Kayak on Saguaro Lake on October 25<sup>th</sup>, and possibly an evening cookout with an opportunity to look at the stars in a dark sky environment.
  - f. We will close the season with a Spring overnight adventure. We always welcome your ideas regarding these adventures and our special hikes.
5. Next Year's Items to be Addressed
- a. End of PayPal – Due to changes in the tax laws we will no longer be able use PayPal – which has been a huge help to all our Board members and event volunteers. We are investigating possible alternatives. Once we determine what will work best, we will let you know and provide detailed directions.
  - b. Election of President and Treasurer – In November we will ask for submittals of nominations for President and Treasurer. Elections will be held in December and officers will start their two-year term on January 1.
  - c. Appointment of Website Coordinator and Member at Large The Board will also be looking for volunteers to fill the roles of Website Coordinator and Member at Large.
  - d. A description of all the positions that need volunteers will go out after the end of season. It is volunteers that make this Club so great.
6. Volunteer Recognition
- a. Thanks to Dave Dobmeier who has served as Member at Large for several years.
  - b. The Globe Ranger District has recognized the Club's contribution and awarded Greg and his team a Certificate of Appreciation for their work on LOST and Arnett Trails.
  - c. Thanks to Bill Brown, our outstanding volunteer for the season. The club appreciates the time and work he spent on our new website.
7. Adjourn Meeting
- Mark Smith made a motion to adjourn, Kim Odegaard seconded. Meeting adjourned.