

Minutes

Hiking Club General Membership Meeting

November 6, 2023

1. Call Meeting to Order

Susan Dona called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

- a. Susan introduced the current Board members.

2. Approval of Minutes, March 27, 2023

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. Kim Odegaard made a motion to approve the minutes, and Robin Bistline seconded the motion. The membership approved.

3. Membership Report

Bernie Wood reported that the Club currently has 216 members, 4 new pending. 21 have joined this Fall. The new members at the meeting were introduced.

4. Kayak Excursion Interest

Bruce Odegaard asked for a show of hands for interest in a kayak outing at Saguaro Lake. It will be a self-guided excursion. The outfitter will provide the kayaks and life jackets. Watch for more details on our website in January for the outing to take place in January or February. For further information on the outfitter visit <https://www.saguarolakeranch.com/activities/kayaking/>

5. Nominations and Elections

- a. Susan announced that Martha Scott has agreed to serve as president and Pam Vieri has agreed to serve as treasurer for the upcoming term. Any additional nominations for these positions should be emailed to Bernie Wood, biwood@telusplanet.net prior to the December 4 membership meeting. Officers will be elected by acclamation if there are no other candidates.
- b. If Martha is elected to president, the Club will need to elect a new secretary for the remainder of the term.

6. Zelle Explanation

- a. PayPal is no longer being used by our Club for payment of dues and activities. Our new dues payment system is through Zelle. Zelle is available through most banks and there is also a Zelle app for mobile devices. You will find detailed information about paying your dues on our website. Be sure to list the names of paying members in the comment section. Robin Bistline is helping those members who need further assistance, and she can be found most days at the Activities desk at the Union Center.
- b. Zelle is only for dues at this time and cash will be required for all other fee activities.

7. Review of Page Adventure

- a. A big thank you to Greg Waterman for organizing the activities and leading hikes. Also, thanks to Jack Dale for stepping up at the last minute to lead the Short hike.

- b. Susan asked for suggestions for future adventures. Some of places members mentioned were Bryce Canyon, Death Valley, Joshua Tree, Chiricahua, Patagonia, Red Rock and Valley of Fire in Las Vegas.

8. Upcoming Events

- a. November 22nd Cookout will be at Peralta Regional Park. There will be 3 levels of hikes all leaving from the park. Following the hike, a hamburger/hot dog lunch will be served. The cost of the lunch is \$10 cash the day of the event.
- b. Our Club Potluck will be on January 16. Erin Downey has volunteered to chair this event. Erin will need lots of volunteers to help with this popular event. Please volunteer.

9. Outreach and Trail Work

- a. Greg Waterman passed out a handout on “Giving Back” to the outdoor community in our area. He spoke on the many opportunities available to anyone who would like to volunteer. For further information, contact Greg Waterman, gregh2oman@gmail.com
- b. The Trail Work group meets on most Friday mornings. On Thursday, Nov. 16, they have a planting day scheduled with the Forest Service. Contact Greg for more information.

10. New hats for sale after the meeting for \$20.

11. Bill Brown gave an enjoyable presentation “What I did during my Summer vacation”.

12. Questions and Comments

- a. Robb Buckley announced that there is a fee and permit required for this week’s CI hike to Phon D Sutton.

13. Our next meeting is scheduled for December 4th, 3-5 pm.

14. Adjourn

Kim Odegaard made a motion to adjourn. Margie Riggio seconded. The membership approved.