

Minutes  
Sun City Anthem Hiking Club  
Board Meeting  
December 18, 2023, 3:00pm  
Conference Room

1. Call to Order: Susan called the meeting to order at 2:55pm.  
Attending: Susan Dona, Pam Veire, Bernie Wood, Robin Bistline, Chris Spurgeon, Chuck Boxrucker, Greg Waterman, and Martha Scott. Absent: Bruce and Kim Odegaard.
2. Approval of Board meeting minutes from October 16 and November 20: Chris so moved, Chuck seconded, Board approved.
3. Membership Report:
  - a. Bernie reported that we currently have 222 members. 74 current members have not renewed their membership for 2024. Individual reminders have been sent to those members. We plan to rephrase the information on the Website which says Zelle is required to continue with the application process. There are some issues with using Zelle, Bernie and Chris will investigate alternatives.
  - b. Bernie requested that our monthly Board meeting start time be changed to 4:00. All members present were in agreement to the 4:00 start time.
4. Financial Report: Pam and Susan are looking into adding Pam as Assistant Treasurer on the Wells Fargo account, so that she may write checks during Steve's absence.
5. Officer Transition Status: Martha will assume the duties of President beginning on January 1. Pam has assumed the duties as Treasurer due to Steve leaving the country.
6. Board meeting in March has been changed to March 18, to allow for the Board members that are hike leaders to attend the Hike Leader Party.
7. Upcoming Activities and Special Hikes:
  - a. Stargazing Special Event discussion. Greg or Bill will follow-up with Chris Burkhart to book the ramada at Peralta Regional Park for February 8. Greg is working on details of the event. Start time will be 5:00 and will walk to the star gazing area at dark. Will need headlamps, flashlights, and lighting for the ramada. Use astronomy phone apps to view the stars.
  - b. Our community hike is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 10. No Expo is planned for this Spring, so we will advertise in the February newsletter and place a flyer on the Out 'N About bulletin board. Also advertise on Nextdoor and send information to our neighborhood representatives. Greg will talk to Bruce on details of the event.
  - c. Date for the Medicinal hike will be March 6 at Lost Dutchman State Park. Chris Burkhart is working on the details.

- d. Kayak Adventure at Saguaro Lake is scheduled for March 12. Bruce, Chris Burkhart and Bill Scott are working on the final details.
  - e. Potluck Status – 86 positive RSVPs. 5 negatives. Christine Reid will be our guest speaker. Lisa Enfield is doing a great job getting contributions for door prizes.
  - f. End of Season Party is March 25. Planning has not begun but ballroom/patio space is reserved. Will need game ideas and food planning.
8. February Club meeting ideas: Bruce to speak on Hike Leaders' joys and their responsibilities. Bill Scott to give a safety presentation. TBD
9. Member at Large Report:
- a. Short hike group says Club needs to be more social with occasional breakfast or lunch after the hike.
  - b. Why did the Club monthly meeting times change to 3pm? (Changed by Board decision to see if new time would increase attendance at the meetings).
10. Community Outreach Report: The trail work crew has been working on the trails in Arnett Canyon clearing brush and adding wire baskets filled with rocks as cairns at the creek crossings. This winter they may be working with the Americorps in Superior. The trail work crew completed a series of training videos. In addition, we are contacting the City of Florence to see what help they might need on the trails near Poston Butte.
11. Bernie made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Chris seconded. Meeting adjourned.