

Minutes
Sun City Anthem Hiking Club
Board Meeting
November 20, 2023, 3:00pm
Conference Room

Call to Order: Susan called the meeting to order at 3:02pm.

Attending: Susan Dona, Steve McDonnell, Bernie Wood, Robin Bistline, Chris Spurgeon, Chuck Boxrucker, and Kim Odegaard(guest). Absent: Martha Scott, Bruce Odegaard, Dave Dobmeier and Greg Waterman.

Membership Report - - Bernie reported that we currently have 224 members. There are still quite a few members who need to renew. She anticipates we will reach our 225-membership goal.

Financial Report - Steve submitted the current financial report.

He has made a pre-payment of \$1000 to Mike Moon of Moonhouse Media for the first 6 months of 2024. The \$1000 payment includes a \$200 early pay discount. Susan recommended that we go ahead and pay Moonhouse Media the final 6 months of 2024 with the same discount schedule. Our club has \$4590 as of 11/15/2023.

2024 Budget Development -The Board worked on the 2024 Proposed Budget which is attached to the minutes. One major upcoming expense of \$60 (corrected from \$600) is for Name/Emergency Information Holders that attach to our packs while hiking. The Proposed Budget is counting on a membership of 225 hikers.

Zelle Discussion - Bernie reported the major issue with Zelle is the bank requirement of a US phone number and address. Bernie is still trying to find a work around for some of our members. New officers need to be put on the Zelle account and past ones removed for 2024.

Website Update – The automatic dues reminder needs to be sent to members. Chris and Chuck are waiting for further training with Bill Brown for website access.

Special Hike Ideas -Susan spoke with Chris Burkhart regarding our Special Hikes. We are hoping to have 3 hikes this year. Kathe Anderson will lead the Bird Hike. The other two hikes will be the Medicinal Plant and Photography. The hikes will be in that order. Kim Odegaard will look for a photographer. Bernie brought up the idea of a Special Hike/Visit to the Florence Cemetery.

Other Business - EXPO and Community Hike date need to be established if they are to have value for this year. The club would like the EXPO mid-January and the Community Hike to follow on Saturday, February 3, 2024.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm.

