

Hiking Club Board Meeting

Monday, January 22, 2024 – 4:00 PM

Attendees: Martha Scott, Robin Bistline, Tracy Mecum, Pam Viere, Bruce Odegaard, Bernie Wood, Kim Odegaard, Greg Waterman, Chris Spurgeon, Chuck Boxrucker

Call to Order

Martha Scott called the meeting to order at 3:57 PM.

Approve December 18, 2023, Board Meeting

We will add “Submitted by (Secretary’s name)” to all future minutes. Bruce Odegaard made a motion the minutes be accepted; Kim Odegaard seconded the motion. All Board Members voted approval.

Membership Report – Bernie Wood

Bernie announced that we currently have 178 members with 3 applications pending. Bernie suggested that any members who need to pay with cash go to Robin Bistline, Pam Veire, or Bernie Wood to handle the cash (with Robin being the first choice).

Financial Report – Pam Veire

Pam presented the Financial Report for the end of 2023 and the Finance Report for January 1 through January 22, 2024. Kim Odegaard made a motion that the reports be approved; Robin Bistline seconded the motion and the Board voted approval.

Upcoming Events – Bruce Odegaard and Greg Waterman

- Star Gazing Event – February 8, 2024 - Bruce and Greg reported that the meal has figured out; Kathy Prince has a telescope that links to her laptop so the stars can be viewed from the laptop, people can bring their own telescopes and binoculars, if they have them. The details, such as the cost of the meal and the entry fee for the park, are on the website.
- Community Hike – February 10, 2024 – Everyone is meeting in the parking lot at Poston Butte. E-mail blast has gone out. Eight hike leaders will be

present to lead people to the top and back down. Bill Scott will be at the top complete with information about the club.

- Kayak Adventure – March 12, 2024 – Reservations open on January 27. Payment for the adventure is due to Bill Scott by Feb 6. We are capping registration at 18 people.
- Chiricahua Overnight Trip (Spring) – March 19 and 20, 2024 – Hikes and sign up have been set up on the website. There will be two hikes on the 19th and three hikes on the 20th. There will be a meet and greet at the Holiday Inn in Wilcox on Tuesday night.
- Special Hikes
Bird Hike – Feb 7 - Susan Dona is leading.
Edible Plant Hike – March 6 – Martha Scott is leading.

Potluck Update – Bernie Wood, Greg Waterman, Martha Scott

Erin Downey has put together a large committee and everyone has jobs. We have a set up and tear down team. Pat Irey will set up the dessert table. Greg will present the “Thank You for Being President” booklet to Susan at the event. The speaker is Chris Reid who will talk about local streets and how they got their names. Lisa and her team managed to set up a huge number of raffle prizes.

End of Season Social – Martha Scott

The social is Monday, March 25. Martha plans to ask for volunteers at the February Meeting and the Potluck. It was suggested that she ask Lisa, who did such a wonderful job rounding up items to raffle for Potluck, if she'd be interested in being Chairman of this committee.

Creation of New Committees – Bruce Odegaard and Martha Scott

Committee to Explore New Hikes – Find someone to organize finding new hikes and head up a committee for this purpose.

Backpacking/Overnight Hikes

Bruce suggested there might be hikers interested in backpacking and

overnight trips. He recommended setting up a committee to find interested hikers to set up potential overnight and/or backpacking hikes.

Long Range Development of Spring and Fall Club Trips

This is another possible new committee whose job would be to investigate Fall and Spring trips, set up potential places to go and find hikes and other activities for the two-day events. The idea is to plan into the future.

Suggestions are: Valley of Fire and Red Rock Canyon in Nevada; Cedar City – explore the west side of Zion and Bryce Canyons; a combined driving trip to visit Canyons de Chelly, Monument Valley, Petrified Forest/Painted Desert, etc.

Social/Special Events (such as Potluck, End of Season Social, etc.)

Martha's vision is to have a committee that will take charge of making sure these events are planned and coordinated into the future. Michele Gazica set up a checklist for the Potluck, and it would be good to have something like that for the End of Season Social. Erin will probably have more input for the checklist after the potluck. Lisa, who set up the raffle prizes for this year's potluck might be a good person to spearhead this committee.

Zelle and Website Updates – Chris Spurgeon and Chuck Boxrucker

- Bernie will be the main contact if people have trouble using Zelle.
- There are several places where we have Zelle Guidelines and Chris suggested we have only one location. It was decided to keep the Guidelines that are under Membership.
- It was decided that the Liability Waiver will be under Membership only and the Courtesy on the Trail should be located under Hikes.
- The final decision on how to word the number of people to be taken in a vehicle was – Total number including driver (with an underscore).
- ACTION ITEM for WEBSITE – Move that when an individual leaves a Board Position, that person will lose system access to support those duties after a transition period. Bernie Wood made the motion; Kim Odegaard seconded the motion and the Board approved.

If we should need Bill Brown to have access again, that right can be granted on a temporary basis.

February 5th General Meeting

- Hike leader backpacks (what they should carry); Hike leader responsibilities; and Hike leader recognition – Bruce Odegaard
- Marc and Susanne Connelly will do a presentation on their African Safari.

Author David Czaplicki (SCAMR resident)

It was suggested we set up a meeting with David in the first part of March (if possible) to have him talk to the club about his book on the Superstitions. Robin Bistline will find possible dates and times and send them to Martha Scott; Martha will give the times to Greg Waterman who will ask David if he can do a presentation on any of those dates; and once a date has been picked, Tracy Mecum will make sure a room reservation is submitted to the Center for use of the ballroom.

Next Board Meeting is February 19, 2024, at 4 PM.

Adjourn

Tracy Mecum moved the meeting adjourn; Bruce Odegaard seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Tracy Mecum, Secretary