

Minutes
Sun City Anthem Hiking Club
General Membership Meeting
Feb 5, 2024, 3:00 PM
Union Center Ballroom

1. Call Meeting to Order
Martha Scott called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

2. Approve December's General Membership Meeting Minutes
There were no additions or corrections to the Minutes of December's General Meeting. Bruce Odegaard moved the minutes be approved as written; Susan Dona seconded the motion; and the membership voted approval.

3. Membership Report – Bernie Wood
Bernie Wood was absent, so Martha Scott announced that there are 179 members in the club, as of today. Three new members present at the meeting introduced themselves to the group.

4. Financial Report – Pam Veire
The current balance for the club as of Feb 5, 2024 is \$6963.75.

5. Upcoming Events Update -Bruce Odegaard
 - a. Stargazing Event – March 10 – The original date was cancelled, and the new date is scheduled for Sunday, March 10. We were told there will be even better skies for stargazing that evening than on the original date. Dinner will be provided by the club.

 - b. Community Hike – Feb 10 – The event is set up and several hike leaders will be present to guide hikers to the top of Poston Butte. (This event was later cancelled due to rain).

 - c. Kayak Adventure, March 12
Four people have signed up so far. Many people expressed interest in this event when we asked about setting it up. Please contact Bill Scott to attend this event.

- d. Chiricahua Overnight Adventure, March 19-20
Hikes have been established.
If you are planning to go, please sign in on the calendar like you would for a regular hike. Click the blue box on March 19th that says, “Chiricahua Overnight Spring Adventure” and then click the REGISTER button that appears and fill in your information. This way we have a record of who is going.

- e. David Czaplicki, Monday, March 4 at 4:00 PM, Union Center Ballroom – Mysteries of the Superstition Mountains
David will present his information on the history and violent past of the Superstition Mountains in this talk in the Ballroom. All Sun City residents are welcome.

- 6. African Safari with Marc and Susanne Connolly
Marc and Susanne gave a fascinating and informative talk about their trip with wonderful photos of the countryside, people, and animals of Africa.

- 7. Hike Leader Presentation – Bruce Odegaard
Bruce announced that we currently have 25 hike leaders for the club and had the hike leaders stand up to be acknowledged. He also announced that anyone interested in becoming a hike leader, should see him about setting up training. Training takes about an hour.

Bruce also announced there would be a training for sweeps immediately following the meeting, which would last about 15 minutes.

- 8. New Hiking Club Groups
 - a. Backpacking/Overnight Hikes
Anyone interested in backpacking or other overnight hikes should see Bruce Odegaard.

 - b. Social Event Planning
Martha announced that people interested in forming a core group to help plan annual events, like the End of Season Social, the Hike Leader’s Party, and the Potluck, to see Sandy Preugschat to sign up.

9. Adjourn

Martha asked if there was any other business to discuss. There was not. Marc Connelly made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Gino Loni seconded the motion; and the meeting adjourned.

10. Sweep Training Followed Meeting – Bill Scott