

Sun City Anthem Hiking Club
Board Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2024, 4:00 PM
Cushman Conference Room

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

1. Call Meeting to Order

Martha Scott called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

2. Approve January Board Meeting Minutes

Martha asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the last meeting. There were none. Tracy Mecum moved that the minutes be approved as submitted; Bruce Odegaard seconded the motion. The Board voted approval.

3. Membership Report - Bernie Wood

Bernie announced that there are currently 179 members of the club. One new member has joined the club, Duane Kaye. It was recommended that we reschedule the Community Hike that was cancelled due to a fire at the trestle at Poston Butte to Saturday, December 7, 2024. We need to be sure to get the email blast requested by November 5 for the December date.

4. Financial Report - Pam Veire

Pam handed out the most recent Financial Report. She announced we have collected \$260 in dues and hat sales since last report. Our expenses totaled \$458 (hiking costs, office supplies, and the potluck) for an ending balance of \$6,760.

5. Update of Survey – Kim Odegaard

Kim would like to do a survey of members to determine if there is anything we can do to improve our current services. The intent is that our members might be able to come up with some fresh, new ideas for the

club. Robin Bistline suggested that Survey Monkey might be a good tool to use to send out the survey and to tabulate the results. Bernie Wood volunteered to help Kim with the survey questions.

6. Upcoming Events Updates - Martha

a. Stargazing Event

Bruce reported on Greg's behalf that the Star Gazing event is under control. We have rescheduled Kathy Prince and her telescope. Pray for good weather!

b. Mysteries of the Superstition Mountains

David Czaplicki is the speaker on March 4 at 4:00 PM in the Ballroom. Martha has sent invites to the SCAMR Book Club and the Neighborhood Representatives. An email blast will be going out to residents. Robin Bistline will ask Sue Brown about the email blast. (The blast went out on Saturday, February 24.)

c. Chiricahua Overnight Hikes

All is set – event is in the system, hikes and hike leaders have been scheduled. There will be no social event since everyone is scattered at different hotels throughout Wilcox.

d. Special Hikes - Bird Hike, Edible Plant Hike

These special hikes have been scheduled and are set to go.

e. End of Season Social

Martha has scheduled a committee meeting to set up the end of season social. It was suggested that we serve tacos for food and have a small dessert bar with cookies and maybe some mini-eclairs and cream puffs. For entertainment, we talked about a magician or a speaker. It was also suggested we have some games, such as cornhole, pinata, and/or Jenga for entertainment.

7. Creation of New Committees Update - Bruce, Martha

a. New hikes

Hike Coordinators came up with 6 new hikes at the meeting. The short hike coordinator had the great idea of taking some of the longer hikes used by other groups and doing the first mile or mile and a half as an out and back hike.

b. Backpacking/overnight hikes

One person expressed interest at the meeting. We will continue to pursue building this group.

c. Long-range development of our spring and fall club trips

For now, the same three members will continue to set up the spring and fall hiking trips schedule. In the future, we may add members as needed.

d. Social/special events and communications (potluck, end of season social, etc.)

At the February General Meeting, we did get several names, other than the usual volunteers, who would like to participate in setting up social events. We will continue to expand this group.

8. Website

Chris and Chuck said there were a couple of bugs they were still working on to improve the website. Chuck also mentioned that he figured out how to remove some unnecessary formatting in the Hike Detail Sheets so that they print properly. He asked if the Board approved making this change, which they did. There was also a discussion of photos to be used for website slide shows and suggestions for how to get better copies of the photos to be used.

9. The Next Board Meeting has been changed to Monday, April 8, 4 PM in the Cushman Conference Room at the Union Center.

10. Adjourn

Martha asked if there were any other items the Board wanted to discuss. Bernie Wood made a motion to adjourn; Kim Odegaard seconded the motion and the Board voted approval. The meeting adjourned at 5 PM.