

# **Sun City Anthem Hiking Club Minutes**

**March 25, 2024 4:00 PM  
Union Center Ballroom**

- 1. Call Meeting to Order**  
Martha Scott called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.
- 2. Approval of February 5 Meeting Minutes**  
Martha asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes for the February meeting. There were none. Max made a motion to approve the minutes as written; Bernie seconded the motion. The membership voted approval.
- 3. Membership Report – Bernie Wood**  
Bernie reported we have 184 members currently in the club. Twenty new members have joined since January.
- 4. Financial Report – Pam Veire**  
The current balance for the club’s bank account is \$6592.21.
- 5. Hiking Club Survey – Kim Odegaard**  
86 surveys have been returned, which was a much larger number than we expected. Many of the responders were hikers who have been members for over 5 years. There were many good suggestions.
- 6. Announcement of Fall Overnight Adventure – Bruce Odegaard**  
Oct 29 – Hikes in the Valley of Fire State Park in Nevada  
Oct 30 – Hikes in Red Rock Canyon State Park  
We plan to pick a hotel nearby for accommodations and will keep everyone informed as the event planning progresses.
- 7. Year End Hiking Statistics - Martha**  
This hiking season, our club offered 80 hikes. Martha congratulated the hike leaders for helping us offer so many hikes.

The 80 hikes covered 370 miles, and 815 hikes were out on the trails this season, which means we totaled 3920 miles of hiking overall. That is the distance from Phoenix to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and back.

Over the past few years, our hiking club has become active in giving back to the hiking community and environment by doing trail work on almost every Friday to help maintain area trails. Our volunteers, both men and women, gave 771 hours to trail work. Thank you, crew!

Martha reminded members that anyone interested in working on the trail crew can come to the Union Center at 7:45 AM on Fridays to do trail work (weather permitting). Carpools are available and will be set up on the morning of the trail work.

**8. New Business**

Martha announced that she had been contacted by a company offering rafting trips in the Grand Canyon and noted where we could pick up fliers, if interested.

**9. Final Thank You to Social Event Planners for the End of Season Fiesta**

Martha thanked all the members of our social committee who put the End of Year Social Fiesta together. They did an outstanding job! The Club continues to look for more club members to help with this committee. Contact Martha Scott, if interested.

**10. Adjourn**

Martha asked if there was any other new business or any questions. There were none. A motion was made to adjourn by Robin; Erin seconded the motion; and the club adjourned to begin the End of Year Social Fiesta.

Minutes submitted by Tracy Mecum