

Minutes
Sun City Anthem Hiking Club
Board Meeting
April 8, 2024, 4:00 PM
Cushman Conference Room

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

1. Call Meeting to Order
3:58 PM
2. Approve February Board Meeting Minutes
Martha asked for additions and/or corrections to the minutes. There were none. So, Bruce Odegaard made a motion that the minutes be approved; Bernie Wood seconded the motion; and the minutes were approved.
3. Membership Report – Bernie Wood
We currently have 184 members.
4. Financial Report – Pam Veire
Pam explained the Financial Report and noted that the balance in the club checking account is \$5872. Bruce Odegaard made a motion the Financial Report be accepted; Bernie Wood approved the motion; and the Financial Report was approved.
5. Review of Spending for Social Events – Martha Scott
We aren't spending enough of our budget for social events. So Greg wants to add storytellers and s'mores to the Stargazing event. It's been also suggested that we have a raffle at the Thanksgiving Cookout to keep people there (hikers would have to be present to win). It was also suggested that we could have games, like Jenga, Cornhole, etc., at the Thanksgiving Cookout to add to the fun so people stick around to socialize.
6. Survey Results – Kim Odegaard
In answer to requests by members during the survey, the Board suggested that we:

- a) Add a tab on the website for Volunteer Opportunities and give contact information (name, email, phone number) to folks who want to sign up for specific tasks.
- b) Give education on how to use the website at a meeting, so members understand what's available.
- c) Add a social gathering/meeting in the evening for Spring/Fall trips when possible.
- d) Once a month do a hike that is further away and spend the night. An example would be to do the Granite Mountain Firefighters Memorial hike and spend the night prior to the hike.
- e) Have hikes on days other than Wednesdays on occasion to accommodate members who aren't always able to hike on Wednesday.
- f) Members would like to see new hikes that are in new areas, so they aren't always doing the same hikes every year. The Board felt this was worthy of consideration, although our location limits where we can go to some degree. We are always looking for new hikes.
- g) Investigate alphabetizing the hike lists.
- h) Investigate auto-populating the sign-up section for the hikes once the member enters his or her name.
- i) Have a Happy Hour on the patio (perhaps after a monthly meeting).
- j) Members asked for more lunches after hikes. The Board discussed asking a question on the sign-up sheet for hikes to see if the hiker would be interested in going out for lunch or a beer after the hike. If enough are interested the hike leader make lunch plans from this list.
- k) Have an Ice Cream Social after the first general meeting of the season.
- l) Create a summary of survey results for the members with the actions we have taken.

7. Next Season Planning – Bruce Odegaard, Martha Scott

- a) Las Vegas Overnight Trip – Oct 29, 30
We have had the South Pointe hotel set aside a block of rooms for our group at a really good rate. The rate is available from Sunday through Friday. The 29th will be hikes in the Valley of Fire and the 30th will be a set of hikes in Red Rock National Conservation Area.

- b) Fall Cookout – Nov 27
Discussed earlier in the meeting.
- c) Potluck -Date to be determined. We plan to invite Roger Naylor back to speak to the group.
- d) Stargazing Outing – Feb 27th
Add Storytellers and S'mores.
- e) Spring Trip – We are considering doing a smaller trip in the Spring.
- f) End of Season Social – The Fiesta theme was a success. We will stick with again in 2025. Plus, we will add guacamole, maybe s'mores.
- g) Ideas for Special Hikes
 - Jeep hike
 - Wallace Gardens at Boyce Thompson
 - A bike company in Gobe shuttles bikes to top of Pinal Mountain so people can ride them down. Will explore if they take hikers to the top to hike down.
 - Rainbow Hike in Globe – Walk through downtown Globe to view art
 - Tonto National Monument
 - Pinal City – Wagon Wheels hike
 - Horseback Riding
 - GPS Hike
 - Geocaching

8. Next Board Meeting
October 14 at 4 PM

9. Adjourn
A motion was made to adjourn by Bruce Odegaard; Pam Veire seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Mecum