

Minutes
Sun City Anthem Hiking Club
Board Meeting
October 14, 2024

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

1. **Call Meeting to Order** - Martha Scott, President, called meeting to order at 3:57 PM.
2. **Approve April Board Meeting Minutes**
Approved once a list of attendees is added. Motion to approve - Bruce Odegaard, second the motion - Kim Odegaard. Board voted approval.
3. **Membership Report**
Martha reported 209 members, 21 new members in Bernie's absence. New homeowner's orientation will be on October 20 at 4 PM.
4. **Financial**
Pam Veire reported that we have collected \$510 in dues from our new members and paid out \$900 for the maintenance fee for our website. This leaves a balance of \$5,224 in our account as of September 30, 2024.

There was some discussion that the Board and our Canadian members might need to pay dues in cash to avoid having to pay taxes for using Zelle. After some investigation into this, it was determined that Zelle is exempt from sending out 1099-K reports, and so there will be no need for anyone to pay in cash, unless they cannot access Zelle.

5. **Old Business**
 - a. Website Wish List - Alphabetize Hikes - May be possible to rename hikes in such a way that allows for alphabetization. It may be that the current system is using the hike description to alphabetize the hikes, and we might be able to change that. The Board also discussed researching a plug-in that might allow for alphabetization. But with the current set-up, we will not be able to do this.
 - b. Response for Any Registration - All responses currently ask whether or not you can drive and the number of passengers you can take. We would like to have an option that doesn't ask this question for registrations that don't

require drivers. Currently, it's not possible to change the response, but there might be a plug-in available for this purpose.

- c. Auto-populating Response - It was suggested on the survey that we auto-populate the sign-up for registration for a hike. This cannot be done.
- d. Tab for Volunteers
The Board discussed changing this tab to list each of the where volunteers are used, such as Hike Leaders; Trail Maintenance; Exploratory Hikes, Socials like the End-of-Year Social and social gatherings before or after meetings; Potluck, etc. For each of areas, we will list a contact person and phone number and/or email so anyone who wants to volunteer would know who to contact for the area of interest to them.
- e. This year, special hikes won't be on Wednesdays in response to a suggestion on the spring survey.
- f. For the first Meeting of the Year, we will have an ice cream social from 3 to 3:30 prior to the meeting.

6. New Business

- a. Nominations -
Vice President - Robin Bistline (but job should be offered to others)
Secretary - Will request new person for position (Tracy is willing to continue to do the job, if necessary).
- b. Special Events and Special Hikes -
Thanksgiving Cookout and Hikes on Nov 27- Raffle - \$50 gift certificate to Shields - must be present to win
- c. It was suggested that Jack's special hike be moved to December.
- d. There will be a special hike on Friday, Dec 6. We can do the hike from the Superior Airport to the Arnett Creek Overlook, or do the hike at Boyce Thompson to view Fall color and birds.
- e. Spring Trip Ideas
The trip would be a one-night trip to either Wickenburg, Green Valley, Prescott, or Patagonia. Rather than another event in March, we will change the Spring hike to the end of February.

7. Next Board Meeting - November 18, 2025 at 4:00 PM.

8. Adjourn - Martha asked if there was a motion to adjourn. Bruce Odegaard made the motion adjourn; the motion was seconded by Robin Bistline. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM..

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Mecum