

**Minutes**  
**Sun City Anthem Hiking Club Board Meeting**  
**Monday, Nov. 18, 2024, 4:00 pm**  
**Cushman Conference Room**

Attendees: Martha Scott, Pam Veire, Tracy Mecum, Bernie Wood, Greg Waterman, Bruce Odegaard, Kim Odegaard, Chuck Boxrucker, Chris Spurgeon, Margaret Tully

1. **Call to Order - Martha**

Welcome Margaret Tully

Martha Scott called the meeting to order at 3:58 pm. She introduced Margaret Tully and Margaret was welcomed by the Board.

2. **Approve October Board Meeting Minutes**

Martha asked for additions or corrections to the minutes of the last Board Meeting. There were none, so she asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written. Chris Spurgeon made the motion, Bruce Odegaard seconded the motion and the Board voted approval.

3. **Membership Report – Bernie**

Process for collecting 2025 dues.

We currently have 229 members. We will be sending out notification that dues are payable by the end of the year through Zelle. One will be delivered in November and another in mid-December. All dues are due by the end of the year.

4. **Financial Report – Pam**

- a. 2025 Budget to be voted on and approved at the December General meeting. Need to address any changes, additions or recommendations from the 2024 budget to create the 2025 budget.

The Board worked with Pam to set up a budget for 2025 to be approved by our membership at the December meeting.

- b. Time to order hats? 10 or so left. Cost last year for 49 hats was \$17.30 each for a total of \$913.83.  
We added a line to the budget for \$1000 to order hats.

5. **Website – Chuck and Chris**

Chuck is working with Mike on price for an additional plugin. Hikes are now alphabetized, and the volunteer tab has been created.

It was suggested that we add information under How to Register for a Hike that gives instructions on how to set up a password for the website.

It appears that Mike Moon hasn't found plug-in that will handle the issues with auto-responses for hikes and special events. We can turn off auto-responses for special events to reduce confusion. This way there will be no auto-response except when we register for hikes. The Board felt this was a good solution to the problem.

6. **Hike Coordinator Update – Bruce**

Horseback ride possibility?

Martha has checked into a horseback adventure. It will be near the Peralta Trailhead. We are looking at the possibility of holding this event next Fall. There will be no cookout but might coordinate something with the Regional Park. There will be a limit of 15 people on the horseback ride. We need to check on a weight limit for the horses.

Bill and Greg plan to add sweeps to our First Aid and Emergency Preparedness meetings. They will also be included in our Hike Leader's meetings.

The next First Aid and Emergency Preparedness meeting will be Feb 13. Bruce asked Tracy to see if we could schedule a room for 40 people for the training prior to going over to the Fire Department for mock-up emergencies for the trainees to handle.

The Spring Get-away will be in Tucson on February 18 and 19.

7. **Community Outreach – Greg**

We have agreed to help with the creation of the new Poston Butte hiking area by continuing work on the trail going up Poston Butte. We will also help with installation of benches, trash cans, ramadas, whatever is necessary.

In preparation for the Community Hike, we have done work to maintain the trail so that it is in pristine shape for our event.

We helped set up for the Burro Race in Superior – especially making sure the trails were in good shape.

There will be a ground breaking for the new US 60 Trail. We will help install the new ramada, and there will be a nice parking lot.

We will help with installation of the horse tie up for Porter's bridge.

The Airport Trailhead is ready for work to begin.

Superior has been granted \$120,000 to begin work on the Telegraph Canyon Trail, and we will be helping with the improvement of that trail.

8. **Old Business:**

- a. Special Events (Greg, Martha)
  - Thanksgiving cookout, Nov 27 - any assistance needed? Martha will go to Scheels this week to purchase raffle prize. Greg reported event was under control, but needed the box of plates, etc. He also asked for the list of attendees, which Chuck promised to get to him.
  - Potluck, Jan 27 – Erin Downey is hosting a planning meeting on December 3. She is looking for additional volunteers.
  - Stargazing, Feb 27 – Teton Ken will be our storyteller. His speaker cost is \$100. Have also contacted Superstition Astronomical League in Apache Junction. Haven't heard back from the Superstition Astronomical League in Apache Junction. Rough schedule will be 5:30 for dinner, 6:00 for the talk by Teton Ken, 7:00 for S'mores and Stargazing.
- b. Community Hike on Dec. 7 – suggestions on additional advertising? Margaret Tully agreed to advertise this event, along with the pancake breakfast sponsored by the Fire Department.

9. **New Business:**

- a. Elections at the December General Meeting for Vice President and Secretary with a single candidate being elected by acclamation. Need quorum for meeting. Tracy Mecum will run for Secretary and Robin Bistline for Vice President.
- b. Hatch River Expeditions will give a presentation on Grand Canyon River rafting at 3:00.  
This presentation from Hatch River will take place at 3:00 pm during our December 2<sup>nd</sup> general membership meeting.
- c. Member suggestions: Swap meet to sell old gear, sponsor a section of road on Hwy 79 (trash pickup), serve pie (from Costco) at a meeting.

After some discussion the Board decided, not to sponsor a section of road for trash pickup since we already do a great deal of community service with Superior and Florence doing trail work and maintenance.

Margaret Tully agreed to help set up an area on NextDoor and Facebook to let members and others know about available gear for hiking and information about upcoming events.

We plan to serve pie at the December 2<sup>nd</sup> General Meeting.

10. **Next Board Meeting date** - Monday, Dec 16 at 4:00 pm.

11. **Adjourn**

Martha asked if we had a motion to adjourn and Bruce Odegaard made the motion, with a second to the motion by Greg Waterman. The meeting adjourned at 5:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Tracy Mecum*