

**Minutes Board Meeting
Sun City Anthem Hiking Club
Monday, December 16, 2024
Cushman Conference Room**

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

1. Call to Order – Martha Scott

Martha called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

2. Approval of November Board Meeting Minutes

Martha asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes for November. There were none. A motion was made by Bruce Odegaard to accept the minutes as written; the motion was seconded by Kim Odegaard, and the minutes were approved.

3. Membership Report – Bernie Wood

The current membership is 234 members; 77 have not renewed their membership from last year.

4. Financial Report – Pam Veire

The current balance in our account after expenses is \$6,883.

5. Website – Chris Spurgeon and Chuck Boxrucker

Needed to renew our email system at a cost of \$540. Currently Chuck is receiving a receipt each time an email is sent from the system. He does not need these, as they clog up his email. He wanted to get the Board's approval to have Mike Moon remove these receipts.

6. Special Hikes and Events – Review

- a. Peppersauce Cave – Great hike – members enjoyed it.
- b. Fall Peepers – Attracted members. Next year, we may select a place other than Boyce-Thompson.

- c. Thanksgiving Cookout and Hikes – Always a hit. People hung out and stayed for the raffle. Food was good, hikes were good – members loved it.
- d. Community Hike – Good turnout but didn't get a lot of new hikers. Members who attended enjoyed it. Next year we will pick a date that isn't competing with the Arts in the Park for December. The Board chose November 29, 2025 (the Saturday following Thanksgiving) for the Community Hike.
- e. GPS Hike – Eight people attended. The hike took place at San Tan Regional Park and was very informative. It would be worth doing again next year.

7. Upcoming Special Events Planning – January and February

- a. Texas Canyon – January 11 – Chris will include information about the hike in a banner on the website.
- b. Potluck – January 27 – Planning is underway. Will send out invite on January 6 or 7th.
- c. Jeep Hike – March 3 – Monday – Planning is in process.
- d. Stargazing – February 27 – The Superstition Astronomy League will be there. Tentative schedule, 5 PM to 5:45 PM – dinner, 5:45 to 6:30 PM Teton Ken will talk and share stories about the Superstitions, 6:30 PM to 7 PM – S'mores, 7 to 7:30 PM There will be ½ hour lecture about the stars, 7:30 PM view stars in groups of 10 people.
- e. Tucson Overnight – Tucson Mountain Park – Feb 18 and 19 – Pam will investigate a tour of Old Town Tucson.
- f. Overnight Hike – Woods Canyon – Feb 24 (Mon) and Feb 25.

8. Old Business

- a. The Board was sent a revised 2025 Budget. Seven voted in favor of the revisions, no one opposed.
- b. November 21, the Board voted by email to pay Mike moon \$700 for website services. This pays him through 2025. Seven voted in favor, no one opposed.
- c. November 25, the Board voted by email to pay Mike Moon \$540 to renew our email service for three years. Six voted in favor, and one abstained.

9. New Business

- a. Hatch River Expeditions and Martha miscommunicated about the schedule for December. They would still like to come speak to us and have asked to come to our February 3rd General Membership meeting. The Board agreed that it would be fine for them to come. It was suggested that we serve Valentines Day cookies at our February meeting. Chris volunteered to pick some up for the meeting.
- b. Jeff and Donna Johnstone donated books to the club. Martha offered them to the Board. Those that were not taken were added to the collection of hiking books the club has gathered.
- c. Banners on the Website
 - It was suggested that we might send out a 1st of the year email detailing how our special hikes have gone so far and mention what's coming up.
 - We might mention the January 6th Top of the World exploratory
 - Mention the January 11th trip to Texas Canyon.
 - Mention the Potluck and the Punch Bowl invite that will be coming.

10. Next Board Meeting Date – Monday, January 20, 2025 at 4:00 PM.

11. Adjourn

A motion was made by Bruce Odegaard that the meeting adjourn. Bernie Wood seconded the motion. The Board voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Mecum