

Minutes
Sun City Anthem Hiking Club
General Membership Meeting
Dec 2, 2024, 3:00 PM
Union Center Ballroom

1. Call Meeting to Order

Martha Scott called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM. We confirmed that a quorum of 35 plus members was present.

2. Approve November 4, 2024, General Membership Meeting Minutes

Martha asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes of November's General Meeting. No one volunteered any changes, so Kim moved the minutes be approved as written; Dave seconded the motion; and the membership voted approval.

3. Membership Report – Bernie Wood

Bernie Wood announced that we currently have 232 members. Bernie reminded our members that dues are payable by the end of December. The new members present at the meeting introduced themselves to the group.

4. Financial Report and Budget for 2025– Pam Veire

After subtracting expenses, the current balance for the club is \$5,224.07. Pam presented the new budget for 2025. A motion was made by Kim that the budget be approved as submitted; Brian seconded the motion; and the membership voted approval of the Budget for 2025.

5. Nominations for Vice President and Secretary

Robin Bistline was re-elected as Vice President and Tracy Mecum was elected as Secretary.

6. New Position of Social Media Chair – Margaret Tully

Martha introduced Margaret Tully to the group. She has set up Sun City Anthem Hiking at Merrill Ranch on NextDoor and Facebook to get the word out about events coming up. She will also be managing our Cluster account

for photographs of hikes.

7. Community Outreach and Trail Work – Greg Waterman

We are working with the town of Superior on trail work for the trails near Superior, such as Arnett Creek, the L.O.S.T. trails, Picketpost, and the Airport. We are also working with the town of Florence on the park and trail system they are planning around Poston Butte.

8. Upcoming Events

- a. Community Hike and Santa Breakfast, December 7 – Bruce Odegaard
- The event is set up and 6-8 hike leaders will be present to guide hikers to the top of Poston Butte. This hike is open to residents who are not members of the Hiking Club, as well as Hiking Club members. Afterwards, there will be a Pancake Breakfast presented by our local Fire Department and held in the Safeway Parking Lot. Santa will be present. Participants are asked to bring a new toy to be donated to children in the Florence area. We will be meeting at 8:45 AM in the parking lot and will leave at 9:00 AM for Poston Butte.
- b. Exploratory Hikes on Calendar – Bruce Odegaard
Anyone interested in going on an exploratory hike can sign up on the Calendar like you sign up for regular hikes.
- c. Potluck – January 27 – Erin Downey
There will be a planning committee meeting at Erin Downey’s house on December 3rd. Roger Naylor will speak at the event. Roger has a vast knowledge of the Arizona area and has a wealth of information and humorous stories about our state. It should be a fun evening. Anyone interested in volunteering, please let Erin Downey know.
- d. Special Hikes for December and January – GPS Instructional Hike, December 10 and Texas Canyon – January 11
The GPS Hike will be at San Tan Mountain Regional Park and the leader will instruct us on how to use the GPS function on our phones to track a hike. The Texas Canyon hike has remarkable rock formations and several miles of trails. It’s off exit 318 on I-10. There’s a Dairy Queen in Benson near Texas Canyon and The Thing exhibit where the group can meet. There’s also the Amerind Museum in Texas Canyon that we can visit.

- e. The Spring Overnight Adventure is planned for February 18-19 – Bruce Odegaard
The adventure will be at the Tucson Mountain Park. There will be 2, 4, and 6-7 mile hikes for three levels of hiking.

9. Announcements

- a. Saturday, December 14 – Luminaria hike in Superior.
- b. Nancy Cook is selling hiking club hats.

10. Adjourn

Martha asked if there was a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bruce made a motion that the meeting adjourn; Brian seconded the motion. The membership voted to adjourn at 5:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Mecum