

**Minutes Board Meeting  
Sun City Anthem Hiking Club  
Monday, January 20, 2025  
Cushman Conference Room**

Attendees: Martha Scott, Robin Bistline, Tracy Mecum, Bruce Odegaard, Kim Odegaard, Greg Waterman, Chuck Boxrucker, Margaret Tully

**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 additions or corrections to the minutes for December. There were none. A motion was made by Robin Bistline to accept the minutes as written; the motion was seconded by Kim Odegaard, and the minutes were approved.

**3. Membership Report – Bernie Wood (Martha reported in Bernie's absence)**

The club currently has 183 members.

**4. Financial Report – Pam Veire (Martha presented in Pam's absence)**

Martha presented the current Financial Report. The current balance in our account adding dues and after expenses is \$8,209. Kim Odegaard made a motion that we accept the Financial Report as presented; Bruce seconded the motion; and the Board approved it.

**5. Website – Chuck Boxrucker**

Chuck reported he and Chris, with the support of Mike Moon, are looking at ways to improve the website. Currently, Chuck feels they will likely do this over the summer. They are looking to remove old, outdated add-on programs that we no longer use. These add-ons just clog up the system and often cause problems when the system is updated, and support for these unused systems are removed.

**6. Hike Coordinator – Bruce Odegaard**

- a. Fall Trip – Will be the last week of October (Oct 28 and 29). We plan to go to Chaco Canyon/Aztec Ruins. We plan to find a hotel in Farmington for folks to stay. We plan to have a gathering of hikers at the Old Lumber Yard Coffee Shop on Tuesday night.
- b. Hike Leader/Sweep Training – Will be held from 9 to 11 at the Union Center on the Kitchen end of the Ballroom. There will be a presentation by the Fire Department. We will then adjourn to the local Fire Station where we will set up emergency scenarios at different stations and participants will have a chance to solve the potential problems. Emergency scenarios will likely be snake bite, sprained ankle, broken wrist, heat stroke, bee stings, etc. Pizza will be served at the end.
- c. AllTrails Experiment – Gino Loni is going to attempt to set up a separate directory for our club on AllTrails so we can upload our hikes there. We want the separate directory to keep people who aren't members from changing the route for our unique hikes. If this is possible, it will give us routes to download and follow that will match our club hikes.

**7. Member-at-Large – Kim Odegaard**

Kim brought up that some of our members haven't spent the time that many of us have with computers. These members often find themselves confused about how to use the website. She suggested we might give short training sessions about the website at the end of our general meetings for those who have questions or would like to know more about our website.

Chuck pointed out that if we decide to use a different Calendar system, we will also need to provide training on the new system as part of our meeting.

**8. Community Outreach and Trail Work – Greg Waterman**

In the last four weeks, our Friday work group has been moving 80 barrel cacti from the Superior Airport, where expansion is taking place. These cacti will be used along the trails and trailheads in the Superior area. The group has also been working near the Porter's Bridge on the LOST trail. On January 31<sup>st</sup>, the group will work with the Forest Service on the new trailhead west of the airport. We will

be removing trees so we can get a good look at the area we have to work on. The outreach group has been doing outstanding work, and we should be very proud of what our hiking club has accomplished. We have contacted the City of Florence about helping them with the creation of the Poston Butte recreation area but have not yet heard anything.

**9. Old Business**

- a. Potluck Update – Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup> - 126 people coming. Greg will conduct ice breaker. Pat Walker will say grace. The table that wins the ice breaker will be first to eat; Martha's table with Roger Naylor will be next. Bruce will handle the raffle.
- b. Tucson Get-Away – Everything is set up. Hikes and leaders have been established. There was some discussion about how to help those who weren't going to stay overnight but want to drive down for the hikes. The suggestion was that we might set up a place and time for them to meet to drive down in a group.
- c. Jeep Hike – May 3 – Working on the # of jeeps available and how many hikers can be accommodated. Once the number has been established, we need to get it to Chuck to add to the website.

**10. New Business**

- a. End of Season Fiesta – Michelle Platner has agreed to help with the planning of this event. There will be a meeting in mid-February for those interested in helping.
- b. Trip to Cottonwood in mid-November/mid-December for leaves.

**11. Next Board Meeting Date – Monday, February 17, 2025 at 4:00 PM.**

**12. Adjourn**

A motion was made by Bruce Odegaard that the meeting adjourn; Robin Bistline seconded the motion. The Board voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

*Tracy Mecum*