

**Minutes**  
**Sun City Anthem Hiking Club**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**Feb 3, 2025, 3:00 PM**  
**Union Center Ballroom**

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Martha Scott called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM.

**2. Approve December 2, 2024, General Membership Meeting Minutes**

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

**3. Membership Report – Bernie Wood**

Martha Scott reported in Bernie's absence that we have 183 members. Martha asked if any new members present who have joined since the end of December. Donna Olsen raised her hand and introduced herself to the club.

**4. Financial Report and Budget for 2025– Pam Veire**

Pam announced that the balance for the club at the end of December was \$6883.03. After adding income from dues of \$1950 and hat sales of \$60 and subtracting expenses of \$684.53, the ending balance for the club this month is \$8208.50.

**5. Upcoming Events – Bruce Odegaard**

- a. Tour of the Ironwood Pig Sanctuary on Feb 4. If interested, the tour is at 8:30 AM near Tucson. It will last about an hour and it's roughly an hour down and back, so you should return by Noon. We were told to contact Bill Scott if interested in the tour.
- b. Spring Get-Away to Tucson Mountain Park – Feb 18 and 19. Sign up is available on the website calendar. NEW: If you would like to join us for the hikes, but are unable to stay overnight, a sign-up sheet was circulated with the names of people who would be interested in a carpool.

- c. Woods Canyon Overnight Camping Hike on Feb 24 and 25.  
There were several people who expressed interest in hiking Woods Canyon, camping out under the stars and hiking back out. Anyone interested is encouraged to sign up for the hike on the website calendar.
- d. Stargazing at Peralta Regional Park on Feb 27. Registration is ready on the website calendar for those interested in this event. Spuds and chili will be served with s'mores for dessert. There will be regional tales told by Tucson Ken and a presentation by an astronomical group. There will be 8-10 large telescopes for us to view the stars and planets. It's \$7 to enter the park and \$5 per person to attend the event, cash only.
- e. Jeep and Hike Excursion to Martinez Mine on March 3 – This popular outing will be limited in the number of participants. Details will be on the Website as soon as numbers are confirmed.

## **6. Old Business**

- a. Potluck – Roger Naylor's website information is [www.rogernaylor.com](http://www.rogernaylor.com). Everyone at the meeting who attended the potluck agreed it was outstanding, with great food and entertainment. Our speaker, Roger Naylor, enjoyed himself so much he said he would be happy to come back and talk to us again.

## **7. New Business**

- a. Fall 2025 Trip Announcement – Save the dates October 28 and 29 for a trip to Chaco Canyon, a National Historical Park and UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the Aztec Ruins. It's recommended we stay in Farmington and our team is working on seeing if they can set up a hotel for us.
- b. Volunteers are needed to help plan the Year-End Fiesta on March 24. There will be a planning committee on March 4, and a sign-up sheet was passed around for those interested in helping with the event. If you are interested contact Martha Scott at [mascott75@icloud.com](mailto:mascott75@icloud.com).

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

Our team is working on the trail in Superior – there's a new trailhead near the Old Highway 60 bridge and a new trailhead near the airport we are

working to upgrade. We put in a large hitching rail across the bridge from Porters and there's going to be a spot on TV that will talk about this new installation in Superior, as well as spots in other places that support horseback riding.

In Florence, the city planning is still working to establish and get approvals for what they want to do there.

**9. Adjourn**

Martha asked if there was a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark Connelly made a motion that the meeting adjourn; Robin Bistline seconded the motion. The membership voted to adjourn at 4:00 PM.

**10. Presentation by Hatch River Expeditions**

After the meeting, there was a presentation by Jessica and Steve from the Hatch River Expeditions about combination rafting and hiking trips in the Grand Canyon. If you would like more information, the website for the group is [www.hatchriverexpeditions.com](http://www.hatchriverexpeditions.com).

Respectfully submitted,

*Tracy Mecum*