

Minutes
Sun City Anthem Hiking Club
Board Meeting
Monday, November 17, 2025 - 4:00 PM

Attendees: Martha Scott, Robin Bistline, Pam Veire, Tracy Mecum, Bernie Wood, Kim Odegard, Bruce Odegard, Greg Waterman, Chuck Boxrucker, Erin Downey

1. Call To Order – Martha Scott
Martha called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.
2. Approve April Board Meeting Minutes – Tracy Mecum
Martha asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Board Minutes, and there were none. Kim Odegard made a motion to approve the minutes as written; Robin Bistline seconded the motion; and the Board voted approval of the minutes as written.
3. Membership Report – Bernie Wood
There are 213 members currently with 3 waiting for final completion. Martha asked if we still had pamphlets to hand out for the Club Expo on Saturday, November 22 and for the Community Hike on November 29. Robin said that she has pamphlets still available that we can hand out for these events.
4. Financial Report – Pam Veire
Current balance after expenses and with income (dues) added is \$5,404.
5. Old Business – Special Hikes/Events
 - a. Create 2026 Budget using the 2025 Budget as an outline.
The Board discussed and made suggestions for additions and increases for the budget for 2026.
 - b. Hit the Trail Challenge – Prizes and participation stickers – Need to set an amount limit for the prizes
Martha has created stickers with our logo on them to hand out to all those hikers who are participating in the Hit the Trail Challenge. We will also provide prizes for those who succeed. We set a limit of \$150 for the prizes.
 - c. Thanksgiving Cookout – Raffle prize amount
Jack will help with the cookout. The Board decided on \$50 for the raffle prize, which will be a gift certificate for REI
 - d. Special Events and Hikes for Spring 2026
 - i. Evening Baked Potatoes with Chili and Storytelling on Friday, February 13 at Peralta Park
For this event we will serve baked potatoes and chili with s'mores for dessert. As entertainment, we decided to create a Ghost Story Telling

Contest, since it's Friday the 13th. That night we will have a waning crescent moon, so it should be appropriately dark and terrifying.

- ii. Caywood Farms Cotton Tour is booked for January 27, 2026 at 9 AM. We will be able to accommodate 25 people on the tour.
 - iii. We're working with Chris Burkhart on hikes and speakers – Special hikes will be Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
 - 1. Battle of Picacho Pass - Civil War battle that was furthest west
 - 2. Riparian Preserve with Kathe Anderson
This hike will take place in February – date to be announced.
 - 3. Upper Cliff Dwellings – Tonto National Park
Date to be announced
 - 4. Oracle State Park Geology Tour – possibly in March – to be announced
 - 5. Special Hike in December to the Coke Ovens – Nancy Cook, 3-4 miles RT – New note: Greg checked into this and the ovens can no longer be accessed by the public. Nancy has been informed.
 - 6. Phil Wildman – speaker - \$350
 - 7. Jeep Hike on Wednesday in March – exact date to be announced
 - e. Spring Club Trip location and date – Bruce Odegaard
February 17 and 18, 2026 – Sedona - The Board agreed Sedona would be a great trip.
 - f. 25 Club hats have been ordered in Texas Orange - \$18 per hat plus \$35-40 for digitizing
6. New Business
- a. Amend By-Laws to create a Co-Presidents position to fill this office.
After a brief discussion, Bernie moved that the corrections to the By-Laws be made; Robin Bistline seconded the motion and the Board voted approval. Tracy Mecum said she would pull the pdf file of the By-Laws into Word, make the changes and forward the file to Martha.
 - b. Develop a Membership Directory
After some discussion, the Board determined that there wasn't a big need for a directory, so the Board tabled the idea. If at some future date, it becomes a bigger issue, we will reconsider.

- c. Hike Levels – Chuck
After a description of the problem and some discussion, Erin volunteered to help Bruce determine which hikes were overlapping levels and clear up the problem. Chuck said he had a list of the hikes that were of particular interest that he would forward to Erin and Bruce so they could review them. .
- d. Cloud Storage for Hike Detail Sheets and Minutes – Chuck Boxrucker
We will keep Minutes and detail sheets on-line for 2 years and then move to Cloud storage. Need to have consistent naming convention for the files. Kim Odegaard said she would be glad to rename files so they are consistent.
- e. Special Hike in Arnett Creek
Monsoon rainstorms have done a great deal of damage to Arnett Creek. On December 8 at 7:45 AM, Bruce and Greg will conduct a key-exchange hike to view the damage. Rides will be arranged to the trailheads.
- f. Bruce mentioned that we still aren't getting the number of people a driver can take on the hike sign up sheets. Chuck says he will work with Chris to resolve this issue.
- g. Potluck on the Calendar – Kim Odegaard
The Board discussed this with Chuck's input and finally determined that it would need to be worked out. It seems we can describe the event on the calendar and sign up for it, but there is some question about how to send out a reminder email to the responders so they remember they have signed up and what food they should bring. The final agreement was that it would be worked out.
- h. Chuck mentioned that he didn't have a Calendar of Events for the 2025-2026 Season and asked that one be emailed to him. The rest of the Board seemed interested, so Tracy agreed to send a current Calendar for this hiking season to everyone.

7. Next Board Meeting – Monday, December 15 at 4:00 PM

8. Adjourn

Bruce Odegaard made a motion we adjourn; Bernie Wood seconded the motion; the Board voted approval at 5:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Mecum