

Minutes
Sun City Anthem Hiking Club
General Membership Meeting
November 10, 2025

Ice Cream Social presented prior to the beginning of the meeting at 2 PM to Call to Order.

1. **Call to Order – Martha Scott**

Martha Scott, President, called the meeting to order at 2:18 PM.

2. **Approve Minutes of the Last Meeting on March 24, 2025.**

Minutes were distributed to the membership via email prior to the meeting. Martha asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. Because no one had any corrections or additions, Eric Downey made a motion that the minutes be approved as written, Bill Scott seconded the motion. The membership voted approval of the minutes of March 24, 2025.

3. **Membership Report – Bernie Wood**

There are currently 212 members in the Hiking Club. Twenty-eight new members have joined since June of 2025. Bernie asked any new members present at the meeting to stand and introduce themselves. After introduction, Bernie reminded us that anyone who is a current member, that dues of \$30 a year are owed by the end of December of 2025 to remain active in the club. Anyone who joined after the hiking season was over at the end of March 2025, will not owe dues until the end of December of 2026.

4. **Financial Report – Pam Veire**

We started the season with a balance of \$6220.01, after expenses (website changes, annual website maintenance, equipment and safety), we currently have a balance of \$4516.21.

5. **Community Outreach – Greg Waterman**

We are blessed with great trails in our area. We have the AZT, one of 11 National Scenic Trails in the nation; Poston Butte (or F Mountain); the fabulous trail system around Superior, and the Superstition Trails, as well as many State Parks and the trail systems in Tucson.

We give back to the area trails via a fantastic program created by the Sun City Anthem Hiking Club. We do work on the Poston Butte Trail (F Mountain). We are currently working with the Florence Parks Department to do more out there.

We do much trail maintenance and trail building for the Forest Service trails in the

Superior area, including the Picketpost Trailhead on the AZ National Scenic Trail. We work with the Forest Service to man the trailhead on Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings to aid hikers in finding the trails and make the hiking experience better for the over 30,000 people who move through that trailhead every year.

On Friday mornings, we meet at 8:00 AM in the Union Center parking lot (same place we meet for hiking). Anyone can come to work with us. There is something for all skill levels, such as trimming trails; planting vegetation; caring for the planted areas; creating, building and reinforcing trails; and repairing areas that have been damaged by our monsoon rains. **We go out for 2 to 3 hours on Fridays and often get together for coffee afterwards in Superior.** It's a great way to meet fellow hikers and just give back to our community.

6. **New Business –**

- a. On November 17, we will begin a Monday morning 3-mile hike around Poston Butte. Any member can join the hike. Meet in the Parking Lot at the Union Center at 7:30 AM and we will all carpool over to Poston Butte for the hike.
- b. The week of November 19th hikes, we will begin the 16-Week Hit-The-Trail Challenge. To qualify, hikers should aim to complete at least 60% of their level's total miles over the duration of the challenge. Hikers can move between levels during challenged but will be classified by the level in which they hike most frequently. Mileage will be automatically credited for each hiker at the completion of a hike. We are assured there will be fun prizes for those who succeed.
- c. Thanksgiving Hikes and Cookout
This event takes place on the day before Thanksgiving. There will be 3 hikes available. After the hikes, we will all gather for hot dogs and hamburgers cooked on the grill. If you plan to attend, please sign up for the cookout part before Nov 19 so we can get a head count for purchasing supplies. The hikes will be available for sign-up the week prior to the event, as usual.
- d. Community Hike – Top of Poston Butte – Saturday, November 29 at 9:00 AM
This is a community event for those who want to find out more about the Hiking Club and what it's like. Members are welcome to attend, as well as interested community members. Come and bring your friends who might want to see what the Hiking Club is all about. Meet at the Union Center at 9 AM on Saturday, November 29 to go on the hike. We will carpool over to the Butte.
- e. Our Hikes on All Trails
Gino Loni has investigated and figured out with the help of All Trails personnel how to put our hikes in a special directory on All Trails so they can be accessed

by our hike leaders for leading hikes and/or our members so they can go on any of our hikes without fear of getting lost. The uploaded files will help all of us identify the hike and follow the trail back to safety. Gino will be training the hike leaders on how to use the system and how to record and upload a specific hike to our All Trails directory.

f. Gear Swap and Sale -

This will take place at the beginning of the December 1st meeting. Bring items you want to sell or give away so others can benefit from them. You will need to sell those items you bring that you want money for. Free items can be left for potential new owners. Anything not taken by the end of the evening will be donated to a local charity.

g. Nominations for President and Treasurer

These positions have a two-year term. Our nominating committee is composed of Kim Odegaard and Greg Waterman. If anyone is interested, contact them. Job descriptions are available from Kim and Greg for the positions.

h. Special Hikes Coming Up – More information to follow.

Historic Walk in Superior to visit Pinal City

Caywood Farms Cotton Farm Tour

7. Next meeting is December 1 at 3:00 PM

8. **Adjourn**

Kim Odegaard made a motion that the meeting be adjourned; Bruce Odegaard seconded the motion; and the membership voted approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Mecum, Secretary