

Minutes  
General Membership Meeting  
December 1, 2025, 3:00 pm  
Union Center Ballroom

**1. Call Meeting to Order – Martha Scott**

Meeting called to order at 3:07 PM.

Confirm a Quorum - A quorum (15%) of our total members in good standing was counted and confirmed. There were 67 members in attendance of 221 members. This confirms the election of the President or Co-Presidents, the Treasurer, and the approval of changes to the club Bylaws can take place.

**2. Approve Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2025**

Martha asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of our last meeting. One of our members pointed out that the date for the equipment swap was listed as December 4 and it should have been December 1. A motion was made by Dave Dobmeier that the minutes be approved as corrected, Joyce seconded the motion, and the membership voted the minutes be approved as corrected.

**3. Membership Report – Bernie Wood**

Bernie announced that we now have a total of 221 members.

- a. New Member Introduction – New members present at the meeting introduced themselves to the group.
- b. 2026 Dues Reminder – Bernie reminded members that dues are payable before the end of December 2025 for 2026 membership. We pay our dues through Zelle. If a members doesn't have access to Zelle, a member who has access can pay on their behalf, or pay cash to Bernie at the meeting today.

**4. Treasury Statement – Pam Veire**

- a. Current Financial Statement  
Current balance for the is \$6,603.30.

- b. Presentation of 2026 Budget and Approval of Membership  
Pam Veire presented the Club Budget for 2026 to the membership. Erin Downey made a motion that the Budget for 2026 be approved as presented, Bruce Odegaard seconded the motion, and the membership voted to approve.

5. **Amendment of Bylaws – Martha Scott**

Bylaws have been amended to update description of Secretarial duties, change election of President to President or Co-Presidents, and correct some typos/capitalization errors. Brian Mangold made a motion that the Bylaws be accepted as proposed, Bruce Odegaard seconded the motion, and the membership voted approval.

6. **Election/Acclamation of Officers – Robin Bistline**

- a. Robin asked for nominations for the position of President or Co-Presidents. Kim Odegaard nominated Martha Scott and Erin Downey as Co-Presidents. Robin asked if there were any other nominations. Since there were none, Robin announced that Erin Downey and Martha Scott were elected by acclamation. The membership voted approval.
- b. Robin then asked for nominations for the position of Treasurer. Kim Odegaard nominated Pam Veire as Treasurer. Robin asked if there were any other candidates for Treasurer. Since there were none, Robin announced that Pam Veire was re-elected by acclamation. The membership voted approval.

The new officers of the Sun City Anthem Hiking Club are Co-Presidents Erin Downey and Martha Scott, and Treasurer Pam Veire for 2026 and 2027.

7. **New Business:**

- a. Upcoming Special Hikes/Events
  - 1) December 8 - Wrath of Mother Nature Hike will give hikers a chance to view the result of the torrential rains from October and how they affected Arnett Canyon.

This is a key exchange, and there is a 20 hiker limit.  
The club will provide the transportation

- 2) January 17 – Pinal City Historic Hike  
Pinal City was once where the Boyce-Thompson Botanical Gardens reside. Originally there was a fort at the base of Picketpost to hold off the Apaches. Then silver was discovered and overnight the Pinal City was founded. We will also view the wagon wheel tracks from the mines.
- 3) January 27 - Cotton Farm Tour at Caywood Farm
- 4) February 10 - Riparian Preserve Hike at Water Ranch in Gilbert
- 5) February 13 – A Starry Scary Night and Ghost Story Challenge – Serving chili and baked potatoes with S’mores for dessert and spine-tingling ghost stories.
- 6) February 24 – Interpretive Talk on the Battle of Picacho – Civil War site – furthest west
- 7) March 23 - End of Season Fiesta
- 8) Upcoming special hikes in working stages:
  - Overnight Campout in Wood Canyon
  - Hike with the Jeep Club
  - Peppersauce Cave – limited to 12 people(Information will follow on all of the above.)

- b. Potluck date is Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. A planning meeting will be held on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 pm at Erin Downey’s home.
- c. Spring Trip to Sedona, February 17-18<sup>th</sup>  
There will be 3 hikes at the short, casual intermediate and upper intermediate levels on Wednesday. There will also be a trip to Devil’s Bridge on Tuesday. Pick your own hotel.
- d. Poston Butte Hike on Mondays – Open to All Members.  
Don’t need to sign up, but it’s good if you do. It’s a 3-mile hike around the base of Poston Butte. Carpool in the Parking Lot at the Center at 7:30 AM. Get out in the wild and enjoy this cool weather and each other!

- e. Hike Leaders – Anyone interested in becoming a hike leader, see Bruce Odegaard. Our forces are dwindling and we need more people who are willing to lead hikes. We train all our hike leaders. It's a fun thing to do, and there's a great acknowledgment party for hike leaders at the end of the hiking season.
- f. Hit the Trail Challenge  
Your hikes are being recorded weekly – we will tally mileage in January for the first section of the challenge. Then we will tally mileage again in March for the second section of the challenge. Prizes will then be awarded. The challenge is for the Wednesday hikes only.

**8. Next meeting is February 2nd at 3:00 pm.**

**9. Adjourn**

Kim Odegaard made a motion that the meeting be adjourned, Robin Bistline seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 3:34 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Tracy Mecum*