

SCOV Hiking Club
Board of Meeting Directors Meeting
March 6, 2024

Meeting called to order by President Jake O'Neill at 3:30 PM

Directors Present: President Jake O'Neill, Vice President Al Schmidt, Treasurer Claude Janus, Secretary Jane Budden, and Chief Guide Tom Meyer.

Members Present: Webmaster Richard Babin, Nominating Committee Chair Ken Percival, Membership Chair Jim Locnikar, Chris Shepherd, Meg Gerkin, Tony Masterjohn, and Bernie Rosling

1. **Approval of Minutes from the January 10, 2024 meeting:** Jake made a motion to approve the January 10, 2024 minutes. Tom seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** See the two attached reports submitted by Claude Janus. One report is for the year 2023 and the other is for January 2024. More members are paying by credit card which impacts the total revenue making it less than usual due to credit card fees. The sale of the hiking club T-shirts was a break even.
3. **Chief Guide update:** See attached monthly hiking statistics report submitted by Tom Meyer.
 - A. There were four safety incidents reported: one fall, two reports of vertigo, and one heart rate concern. No injuries or serious sequela from the incidents.
 - B. Need for new guides: There are total of 34 guides which includes several guide teams resulting in 30 hike guides. There is a need for the club to recruit more guides.
 - C. 26 guides took the safety training which aids in improving knowledge, skills and confidence. A special thank you to Al for arranging lunch. The fee was \$1,690 for the training.
 - D. The new procedure trialled for scheduling hikes has worked out very well. There will be a more improvements made to the process as it is utilized. Doing away with the scheduling calendar will be considered once the process is fully refined.
 - E. There have been some instances where the liability waiver was not signed by guest hikers. Tom will send out a reminder to the guides to make sure they have a waiver for each guest.
 - F. It was noted that one hiker did not have a pack because a spouse carried everything. A reminder will be sent out that each hiker must have a pack for safety reasons.
 - G. Medical ID cards have been updated. The medical information form will be posted to the website for members to download.
4. **Membership update by Jim Locnikar:** See attached. Twelve new members attended the orientation hike in February. There have been no late renewals for \$15. 34 members do not have the new waiver signed. It was decided to have new waivers at the sign-in table at the annual meeting/wine and cheese party later this month so members can sign them. The club currently has 12 slots for non-residents to join the hiking club.
5. **Website update by Richard Babin:** No issues with the website
 - A. Richard suggested removing the following three buttons on the webpage for guides only.

- Two buttons for membership lists. Jim already sends the list out so the buttons are not needed.
- Member hiking safety concerns. There is a potential for people to access that information. Safety concerns are not a frequent issue so it is not utilized often. Hike guides will send any safety concerns to Tom and he will send the information out in a one way communication to the guides. This issue will be discussed at the hiking guide meeting.

It was agreed that the three buttons would be removed from the website.

6. **Annual Meeting/Wine and Cheese:** Jim Brandl will supply the wine. Meg Gerkin will coordinate the sign in desk.
7. **Slate of Officers:** Ken Percival presented a tentative slate of officers for the upcoming board election.

President: Jake O'Neill will continue for one more year.

Vice President: Bernie Rosling for one year

Secretary: Chis Shepherd

Treasurer: Nancy McDermott

Chief Guide: Tom Meyer will continue for one more year.

Members will vote on The Board of Directors at the annual meeting on March 23, 2024. The proposed slate of officers will be sent out two weeks ahead of the meeting.

The nominating committee will work on recruiting for the Vice Present and Chief Guide positions for next year.

8. **Mileage:** No report. Meg will work with Karen to remove deceased members from the list.
9. **Membership Survey.** Since membership is down, Jake suggested conducting survey to determine what is important to members. Richard has done several surveys and will work on putting one together.

10. **Miscellaneous:**

A. Oro Valley 50 year anniversary parade on April 6 2024. We will have Raven send out a notice asking members to volunteer for the parade and wear Hiking Club shirts.

B. Jake made a motion to pay the Western Nation Parks Association a \$500 honorarium for the speaker at The Annual Meeting. Tom seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Next meeting on March 23, 2024 is the annual meeting/wine and cheese party along with election of officers.

SCOV Hiking Club Board of Director's meeting was adjourned at 4:30 by President Jake O'Neill.

Minutes submitted by: Jane Budden