

**SCOV Hiking Club**  
**Board of Meeting Directors Meeting**  
**January 10, 2024**

Meeting called to order by President Jake O'Neill at 3:37

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

**Members Present:** Webmaster Richard Babin, Nominating Committee Ken Percival, Membership Chair Jim Locnikar, Byron Wolffing, Jorgy Jorgenson, Max Haegele, Debbie Hansen, Georgene Porter

1. **Approval of Minutes from the December 6, 2023 meeting:** Claude made a motion to approve the December 6, 2023 minutes. Jake seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** See attached report submitted by Claude Janus.
3. **Chief Guide update:** See attached monthly hiking statistics report submitted by Tom Meyer. Goal for January and February is 50 scheduled hikes per month.
  - A. **Nominations:** Max Haegele nominated Gary Hilmes to be added as a hiking guide. Nomination was endorsed by Jake O'Neill. Tom made a motion to approve nomination and Jake seconded the motion. Nomination approved. Jake nominated Charlene Meyers as a guide since Charlene will be leading hikes during the Hawaii trip. Jake made a motion to approve the nomination pending her consent. Claude seconded the motion. Nomination approved.
  - B. **Meeting locations of scheduled hikes:** For hikes meeting at The Welcome Center, Tom suggested that the description of the hike not include listing the meeting place as behind The Welcome Center since it is in red at the top of the monthly hike schedules. Following a discussion, it was decided that Tom will work on the wording to make sure it is clear where the hike will meet. It was suggested that the orientation hikes for new members include listing The Welcome Center as the meeting place unless otherwise specified.
  - C. **Procedure for guides to list a hike.** See attached proposal by Richard Babin. The current method for listing hikes by the guides involves a large amount of clerical work for the Chief Guide. Discussion ensued. It was suggested that the new proposed procedure be trialed for the month of March 2024. Richard will work any kinks out during the trial. At that point it can be turned over to a volunteer to maintain. Tom made a motion to trial the proposed procedure and Jake seconded the motion. Motion passed.
  - D. **Waivers:** the deadline for signed waiver is January 31, 2024. If a waiver has not been signed at that point, the member cannot participate in a hike.
  - E. **Safety recommendations**  
The last first aid class for the club was in 2020. Tom checked on the feasibility of Golder Ranch conducting a safety course specifically for the SCOV Hiking Club. The Golder Ranch Fire station would offer a four hour first aid safety class, two hours for basic first aid and two hours for CPR/choking. The customized class for the SCOV hiking club

guides would be approximately \$75 per person. If approved for 20 hiking guides, the class would be held on Monday February 12, 2024 at 8:30 AM in the Navajo Room at The Activity Center. Following discussion regarding the importance of standardized training, the motion was passed.

4. **Membership update by Jim Locnikar:** See attached. On February 1, 2024 the membership list will be purged of members that have not renewed their membership by paying 2024 dues. After January 31, 2024, the dues for late renewals is \$15. Jake will send out a reminder email later in January regarding the dues deadline and waiver.
5. **Website update by Richard Babin:** See proposed procedure for guides to list a hike under Tom's report. Richard will also work with Tom to set up a new password for the guides.
6. **Spring picnic:** No report
7. **Nominating Committee Report:** Ken Percival presented a tentative slate of officers for the upcoming board election.
8. **SCOV Hiking Club 2024 trips.** Report by Jake O'Neill.
  - Hawaii trip planning is complete and will take place in January and February 2024.
  - Kanab UT trip dates are October 6/11/2024. There will be a limit of 40 people for the trip and the hotel rooms have been blocked at the Best Western Hotel. Several members will go up to Kanab in the spring to scout out various hike options and look into the feasibility of hiring local guides for several the club hikes.

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

SCOV Hiking Club Board of Director's meeting was adjourned at 4:39 by President Jake O'Neill.

Minutes submitted by: Jane Budden