

SCOV Hiking Club
Board of Meeting Directors Meeting
December 7, 2022

Meeting called to order by Georgene Porter

Directors Present: President Georgene Porter, Treasurer Claude Janus, Secretary Jane Budden, Chief Guide Laurie Payne, Vice President Jake O'Neill present via phone.

Members Present: Webmaster Richard Babin, Nominating Committee Chair Meg Gerken, Membership Chair Jim Locnikar, Byron Wolffing, and Bob Eschrich.

1. **Chief Guide's Update:** See attached report submitted by Laurie Payne. A proposal was made that The Hike Leader Guide Handbook be made available on the website. It is currently password protected and not available to members. Laurie will review the handbook and determine if the handbook needs to be revised to meet current practices. Hike leader guides addresses and phone numbers will continue to be password protected.
2. **Membership Update:** See attached report submitted by Jim Locnikar. Currently there are 368 Hiking Club members which is on par with last year. Annual renewals are going well. 80% have have renewed online. There are 38 nonresident members which is the first time the nonresident limit has been reached. Of note: if a SCOV Hiking Club resident moves out of Sun City, they are grandfathered in as a SCOV resident provided they meet the requirements of being a SCOV resident and Hiking Club member for five years.
3. **New Business**
 - A. **Fee for Mileage:** should there be an increase? This issue was brought up by the hike leader guides. Discussion ensued regarding pros and cons of raising the fee. It was determined to leave the fee as is.
 - B. **How to form and maintain a waiting list for nonresidents.** The Hiking Club may need to consider creating an emeritus status so members that have moved will not be counted as nonresidents. This issue will require an update to the policy.
 1. In February after dues have been paid for the year there will be an accurate number of both resident and nonresident Hiking Club members. Renters are considered residents. At that time the number of nonresident spots will be available. These numbers are submitted to SCOV HOA every year.
 2. Orientation hike leaders can contact Jim Locnikar to determine if there are any nonresidents spots available before providing orientation to nonresidents. Jake made a motion to add a policy stating that orientation leaders will not let nonresidents participate in an orientation hike if there are no nonresident spots available. Laurie seconded the motion. Motion passed by 100% vote.
 - C. **Friends of Oracle State Park:** Bricks are available for \$420 for two bricks that could say: Sun City Oro Valley and Hiking Club. Jake made a motion and Laurie

seconded the motion that the Hiking Club purchase two bricks. Motion approved by 100% vote.

4. **Website Update:** Report by Richard Babin. The new system of renewing with a Credit Card is going well. So far 125 members have renewed with a credit card. It was pointed out that the club still needs to accept both checks and credit card for payment.
5. **Minutes approval:** A motion to approve the Board of Directors meeting minutes from October 26, 2022 was made by Claude, seconded by Georgene and passed unanimously.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** See attached report submitted by Claude Janus. There is \$118.00 income from posters. Some of the usual items in the budget are the Wine and Cheese Party, picnics and badges. There is an AIM account with \$55 in it. Claude will evaluate whether it is still needed.
7. **Old Business:**
 - A. December 31, 2022 New Years Eve at Catalina State Park. Plans are in process and include hikes and a potluck lunch. This event could be cancelled due to weather and/or COVID.
 - B. January 27th (Friday). Joint presentation with Southern AZ Rescue Assoc., SCOV Active Health Committee and the SCOV Hiking Club. This event will be held at Catalina Vista. It is estimated that there will be a large attendance.
8. **Call to Audience/Additional New Business:** A request was made to move maps and tracks from the password protected Hike Leader Guide's Handbook to the website. Currently this information is password protected. Richard Babin stated that this can easily be moved. It was agreed that the Hike Leader Guides Handbook could be moved to the Hiking Club website after it is updated.

SCOV Hiking Club Board of Director's meeting was adjourned at 4:40 by President Georgene Porter.

Minutes submitted by: Jane Budden