

SCOV Hiking Club
Board of Directors Meeting
March 3, 2021

Directors Present: President Mike Duellman, Vice President Georgene Porter, Treasurer Ron Brillhart, Chief Guide Doug Higgins, Secretary Mary Laucks.

Members Present: Webmaster Richard Babin, Membership Jim Locnikar, Nominating Committee Chair Meg Gerken, Byron Wolffing. Jake O'Neill, Laurie Payne, Adine Knawa, Zora Saunders, Bob Eschrich, Dave Flatness

Call to Order: Pres. Mike Duellman called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

1. Minutes Approval:

The minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held on November 4, 2020 were approved by unanimous consent. (Porter/Duellman)

2. Treasure's Report:

Ron Brillhart reported a January 9, 2021 balance of \$7122.45.

Expenses

Catalina State Park, Bench	\$800.00	
AZ Land Rec. Permit Guide	16.00	
Garmin Locator Serv. (2)	34.16	
Hiker Handbook (100)	186.96	
Office Supplies	21.71	
Catalina State Park, Plaque	275.00	
Club E-Mail service	52.74	
Total Expenses		\$1386.57

Income

Dues	\$ 777.00	
Refund Deposit (Catalina SP)	20.00	
Hiking Shirts	2278.00	
Repayment Returned Check	7.00	
Repayment Bank Fee	15.00	
Total Income		\$3097.00

Journal Balance – March 1, 2021

Beginning balance, expenses + income	\$8832.88
Bank Account Balance as of March 1, 2021	\$8848.88
Reconciled Bank Balance	
(outstanding check of \$16.00)	\$8832.88

Motion to accept Treasurer’s report (Duellman/Higgins) Motion passed.

3. Audit Committee Report

The Audit Committee, Zora Saunders and Adine Knawa, met with the Treasurer Brillhart and reported “We examined the journal, verifying random items and comparing them to the backup paperwork. Payables and receivables are well documented and orderly; even the AIM account has become better documented under Ron’s care. Ron’s work is accurate and well organized.”

The committee recommended that a backup of club financials should be held in a separate location from that of the Treasurer to ensure the reconstruction of financial files if lost. Possible solution discussed were thumb drive, drive in The Cloud or a drop box

Motion was to accept reports and recommended changes (Higgins/Porter)
Motion passed.

4. Chief Guide’s Report:

General update:

Doug Higgins reported the monthly statistics for January and February 2021 to the Board:

January 2021	A	B	C	D	O	TOTAL
Hikes	1	6	23	15	3	48
Hikers	6	37	207	145	24	419
Ave Hikers	6	6	9	10	8	

February	A	B	C	D	O	TOTAL
Hikes	1	9	21	24	2	57
Hikers	6	61	187	219	25	498

Ave Hikers 6 7 9 9 12

New Trails Open in Santa Catalina Mountains within Burn Scar effective 3/3/21:

- a. Oracle Ridge #1 (Arizona Trail)
- b. Box Camp #22
- c. Sabino West Fork Trail #24 (Arizona Trail)
- d. Wilderness of Rocks #44 (Arizona Trail)
- e. Aspen #93
- f. Palisades #99

Orientation Hike Update

- a. Two hikes scheduled in February
- b. 21 new hikers
- c. Peg Rocklin led first hike
- d. Gayle Franklin led second hike
- e. One hike scheduled in March, Peg Rocklin to lead

(Pres. Duellman added that guides not new hikers are responsible to fill out/complete the paperwork for new hikers to ensure that the documentation is accurate.)

Garmin InReach Mini Use

- a. Guides have not yet made wide use of this device
- b. Will remind guides in today's "Call for April Hikes"

National Forest Foundation

- a. Raising money for the Southern Arizona Forest Fund
- b. To support the rehab and restoration needs in the Santa Catalina Mountains from the Bighorn Fire
- c. \$.85 of every dollar donated goes to on-ground restoration efforts, i.e., trails, erosion control

5. Membership Report

Jim Locnikar stated that a new members list has been created which will enable guides to check weekly to see who has joined the club recently. Additionally, the full list of hiking club members will be updated monthly.

Pres. Duellman requested that on the front page of the website's new members tab a new greeting be created that states that we appreciate and welcome new members.

Richard Babin suggested that a boilerplate type email be sent to new members. In addition to a welcoming message, others suggested to include a list of helpful hints i.e., location of hiking calendar, cutoff for sign-on, bringing water and wearing sun screen.

6. Club Shirt Update

Dave Flatness reported on the sale of hiking shirts. The following number of hiking shirts were sold:

There were 51 individual/family orders

48 Columbia Hiking Shirts

30 Short sleeve T-shirts (15 men, 15 women)

40 long sleeve T-shirts (18 men, 22 women)

A total number of 118 shirts ordered

The total received was \$3950.00 (includes \$3.00 over payment donation)

Payment to Thomas Promotions \$3800.91

Excess money to Hiking Club \$149.09 (due to large number of shirts ordered)

7. New Business

A concern regarding e-mail overload was brought forth. Was it necessary to send out notifications when scheduled hikes were filled as a check on the hiking website would advised prospective hikers of the availability of a specific hike. It was decided that changes to the current notifications via emails would not be implemented.

Emeritus Status – Request to remove Emeritus Status from the membership lists. Three individuals currently are listed under Emeritus

Status. It was decided to eliminate Emeritus Status and take one individual off the list and put the two remaining in under non-resident.

National Forest Foundation

A Fund raising attempt to obtain \$30,000.00 for Southern Arizona fund (see Chief Guides Report). Currently \$7,000.00 has been raised. A motion was raised to contribute \$500.00 to this foundation (Higgins/Laucks) Motion approved.

Discussion about a donation to Oracle State Park was tabled until the next meeting.

8. Nominating Committee

SCOV Hiking Club 2021-2022 slate of Officers

President	Georgene Porter
Vice President	Jake O'Neill
Treasurer	Adine Knawa
Secretary	Mary Laucks
Chief Guide	Laurie Payne

9. Annual Meeting Update

Georgene Porter reported that the Annual Meeting, which is scheduled for March 27 at 2 pm, will be held in the parking lot of the Activity Center currently has 80 people signed up. There will be prepared snacks. Individual bottles of wine, water and lemonade will be available. People are asked to bring their own glasses and chairs. Barricades will be set up around the allotted space. Volunteers will be needed in setting up the barricades.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 by President Duellman