

SCOV Hiking Club

Board of Directors Meeting

November 7, 2018

Directors Present: President Byron Wolffing, Vice President Mike Duellman, Treasurer Zora Saunders, Secretary Carol Olson, Chief Guide Roe Erlandson

Members Present: Webmaster Dean Chapman, Membership Jack Evert, Bob Eschrich, Don Teiser, Max Haegele

1. Minutes Approval: Wolffing declared the minutes of the April 4 Board Meeting approved.
2. Treasurers Report: As of April 10 the journal balance was \$6,647.60. Expenses were \$1654.77. Income was \$824.00. Journal balance as of November 6 was \$5,816.83. The report was approved by unanimous consent.
3. Guides Update: Erlandson has a conflict with the scheduled date of December 5 for the Guides Recognition Meeting. Board agreed to change that event to January 9 and reschedule the next Board Meeting to December 5 at 3pm. E Hike guide Duane Hutchens as well as long time guides Bob and Leslie Esparza are retiring. Roe recommended and the board approved two new hike guides: Georgene Porter and Dennis Potter (Erlandson/Duellman). For now, Roe and Georgene are leading E hikes once a week for a very small group of regulars. Erlandson presented a chart of club hike statistics for 2017 and 2018 to date. The total number of hikers has increased; however the number of hikes scheduled is down slightly, especially comparing the summer months, and hikes completed are down 5%. Overall more hikes are scheduled than completed. May need to clarify only 3 hikers needed for a hike to "go" during the summer months. An orientation hike is required first before joining and hiking with the club, but is not required for guests. Asked Chapman to check the website link "How to Join" to make sure that is clear. Olson said that information is also included in every Tipster article. Discussed the confusion some new hikers feel about where to meet for hikes. Need to make sure the calendar includes that information for every hike. As to updating the hike data

base, primarily distance and elevation gain information, Erlandson will ask the guides to send him any changes as they discover them. He will confirm and pass the changes on to Chapman.

4. Review of Past/Upcoming Events:
 - a. Fall Picnic: Duellman reported the picnic was a success, with 65 lunches provided for 100+ attendees.
 - b. Catalina State Park Donor Wall: Wolffing noted the club donated \$700 for 1 large animal tile and 3 small tiles to be inscribed with SCOV Hiking Club and a quote: "In every walk with nature one receives far more than he seeks"- John Muir. Construction has begun on the wall.
 - c. New Years Hikes: Wolffing said we have no chairperson for this event yet. Duellman volunteered to reserve the picnic area at Oracle State Park.
 - d. Estes Park/RMNP Trip: Duellman reported there are currently 24 hikers signed up. The target for participation is 30. Eleven of the original block of twelve rooms have been reserved. Consensus was that probably a few more rooms need to be blocked, but difficult to know how many.
5. Membership Update: Evert asked if there was any reason the membership list could not be sent out to the guides, as a PDF file. Board approved by unanimous consent. Also approved the request to dispose of the paper membership forms after the information has been entered electronically into club records. It was agreed that the waiver/disclaimer included on every hike sign in sheet was sufficient to cover potential liability issues.
6. Website Update: Chapman requested any information sent to him for inclusion on the website be a Word Document.
7. New Business
 - a. Developing New Hiking Trails Within SCOV: Don Teiser, club member but representing the SCOV Long-Range Planning Committee, presented some information from a resident survey that committee did, showing that a large number of people in the community want hiking trails within Sun City. They have done some research and mapping showing 2-3 miles of potential trails, mostly in the washes that wind through SCOV. Some are already in

- use to some extent. Teiser asked if the hiking club would want to take on the support, promotion, clearing, etc. of such trails. After discussion it was decided to include the question in the December agenda. Meanwhile Teiser will send copies of the maps showing the washes/proposed trails to Board members.
- b. Job Descriptions for Board Volunteers: Wolffong indicated he has received some, but needs to receive the rest.
 - c. Nominating Committee: A nominating committee will be needed this year for a new treasurer, to be elected at the annual meeting in March, 2019.
 - d. Speaker for the Annual Meeting: Wolffong asked board members to start thinking about a speaker for the annual meeting. Several ideas about topic or speaker were brought up: Sonoran Desert Coalition, GPS orienteering, Western National Parks Association, and REI expert on search and rescue/first aid. Erlandson agreed to check with REI regarding that suggestion. A speakers fee or honorarium is usual, but some have volunteered their time.
 - e. Audit Committee: Wolffong will ask 2 people to perform the annual audit. Fiscal year is February-February.
 - f. Coupon Offer from Summit Hut: Seeing no conflict, the board agreed to accept several hundred coupons from Summit Hut to be offered to attendees at the annual meeting.
 - g. Possible Recognition of Charter Members at Annual Meeting: Wolffong asked board to consider this recognition as part of the club's 25th anniversary celebration. There was some uncertainty about where names of the charter members might be found: Club historian, from an early or founding member?
8. Call to Audience/Additional New Business:
- a. Bob Eschrich came to the board with a suggestion for a new way to organize club hikes, and some other ideas about to clean up the data base by considering deleting some old hikes, potential name changes, etc. and volunteered to work on this project. Motion made (Duellman/Erlandson) to appoint Bob Eschrich chair of a committee to revise the SCOV Hiking Club data base of hikes. Eschrich was asked to include other members on his committee, specifically Janet Elken who had volunteered last year for this task.

- b. December Tipster: Olson asked for input on what to include in the December Tipster hiking club article. Requests included mention of the 11,000 mi. award given to Leslie Esparza at the Fall Picnic, and information about the upcoming New Years Eve hikes.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.