

SCOV Hiking Club

Board of Directors Meeting  
February 6, 2019

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

Members Present: Webmaster Dean Chapman, Orientation Hike Guide Meg Gerken  
Hike Schedule Editor Millie Sparling, Jim Brandl, Jim Williams, Doug Higgins

1. Minutes Approval: Minutes of the December 5, 2018 Board meeting were approved by unanimous consent.
2. Treasurer's Report: As of December 5, 2018 the journal balance was \$6,280.21. Total expenses were \$468.65. Total income was \$1,197.00. Journal balance as of February 6, 2019 was \$7,298.56. The report was approved by unanimous consent.
3. Chief Guide's Update
  - a. January Guides Meeting: Roe reported that all guides were present for the meeting with the exception of Michael and Christa Lubatkin. The Lubatkins have not been guiding hikes for a while but wish to remain on the guide list. The meeting was a good one with much to discuss. They plan to meet again in March. They discussed at length the results of the recent questionnaire sent to club members. There were no glaring issues raised. See appended questionnaire results summary. Discussed the size/ number of hikers on the hikes and Roe suggests leaving this up to the individual guides, unless there are areas that specifically limit the number of hikers. One big concern for many guides is hikers who have difficulty keeping up with the group. The possibility was raised of designing a brief questionnaire for hikers to ask who they have been hiking with and what hikes they have been on. Many guides already do this kind of assessment at signup with people they don't know.
  - b. New Guide: Peg Rocklin was recommended for approval by the board as a new guide. Motion made and seconded (Erlandson/Duellman) to approve. Motion passed.
4. Membership Update: Current membership is 330. According to the rules, nonresident membership may be up to 10% of the previous year's membership (396), which limit will now be 40.
5. Review of Past/ Upcoming Events
  - a. New Year's Eve Hikes: Mike reported about 50 members were involved in the NYE hikes and party at Oracle State Park. Having the party at the group picnic area at OSP worked well.
  - b. Spring Picnic: Mike indicated planning for the annual spring picnic is going well, with four hikes scheduled, including one E hike.

- c. Rocky Mountain National Park Hiking Trip: Mike reported this trip scheduled for September, 2019 has 36 hikers signed up, over the 30 participant goal. The guides that are going have met to discuss hikes, planning 3 each day. As of February 7 the trip will be officially closed, with a waiting list if necessary.
  - d. Club Fair: Jim Brandl reported a successful appearance by the hiking club at the annual SCOV club fair. The excellent notes and display items left by the previous chair make it a very easy job. They sold about 10 of the laminated pictures of the Catalina Mts. A suggestion for next year would be to have slips of paper to hand out with information on the orientation hikes required for membership.
  - e. Speaker for Annual Meeting: Andy Lamb, a 25 year member of the So. AZ Rescue Association, will be our speaker. Roe has met with him, sent him information on the club and discussed various possibilities for his talk. They did not discuss a fee. The SARA is a volunteer organization but the consensus was a donation to that organization would be appropriate. Historically the speaker for the annual meeting has been given about \$200.
  - f. Job Descriptions for Board Volunteers: Byron has received all the job descriptions. They will be reviewed and collated before printing as a document for future use.
  - g. Nominating Committee: Chair Meg Gerken and her committee met January 4 to recommend a nominee for the treasurer's position, Ron Brillhart. They have also identified a few others for future open positions. The audit team did suggest the possibility of changing the bookkeeping program currently being used to something easier, perhaps Quicken; the board will leave this decision up to Ron. He has used Excel, the current program in use.
  - h. Club Historian: As this year marks our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a functioning club, Jim Williams was asked to help put together a small booklet with the history. He has been researching the club's history, and interviewing long time members, of which there are only a few original members. He is still looking for more information, but will try to have this ready for the March 30<sup>th</sup> annual meeting to give to members. Jim gave some initial quotes for cost of printing. Motion was made and seconded (Olson/Wolffing) to appropriate \$250 for this project. Motion passed.
6. Call to Audience/Additional New Business
- a. Guest Hikes: The question was raised about whether there is, or should be, a limit on how many times any individual can take a guest hike. This may especially be an issue if people are going as guests in lieu of becoming a member. Liability waivers are obtained and signed by the guide and hiker at the time of the hike. No decision was made.
  - b. Scheduling Orientation Hikes: Meg has had a few people ask about different scheduling to accommodate people who work full time, maybe a private orientation hike. The general consensus was that this should not be necessary. However agreed future discussion might include the possibility of a bit more flexibility in scheduling orientation hikes, maybe asking more guides to lead this hike occasionally.

- c. Solicitations by Members on Hikes: Carol agreed to review the minutes as there was a realization that this had been discussed previously.

Addendum: From Board meeting minutes of April 4, 2018

[Gerken asked about adding “no solicitation by hikers” to either the handbook under “Dos and Don’ts” or to policies. Matter was tabled for later discussion.]

- d. Mail Chimp Header: Dean Chapman was asked to help Sally Evert get the header changed from Sun City Vistoso Hiking Club to Sun City Oro Valley Hiking Club.
- e. CSP Unofficial Trail Hikes: Question was raised about both Dripping Spings Hike and Walter’s Cascade Hike. Are they off limits because of the no hiking regulations during big horn sheep mating/birthing season? Doug Higgens volunteered to check the GPS to determine the answer.
- f. At Jim William’s suggestion, Byron will ask Sally to send out an email to the entire membership reminding them to offer to drive when they sign up for hikes and to volunteer in general to help with club activities.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Olson, Secretary