

SCOV Hiking Club
Board of Directors Meeting
April 6, 2016, 3pm
Desert Oasis/Saguaro Room

Directors Present: President Jim Brandl, Vice President Woody Brooks, Treasurer Kathy Anderson, Chief Guide Doug Higgins, Secretary Mary Rea.

Members Present: Jim Williams, Clive Probert, Millie Sparling, Jack Evert, Janet Elkan, Bob Eschrich, Darrel Cornelius.

1. **Minutes Approval:** Minutes from both the March 9, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting and the March 26, 2016 Annual meeting were accepted as reported.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Anderson reported current membership is 289. The income and expenses resulted in a current balance as of April 5, 2016 of \$8,943.92. The detailed report was submitted and will be filed with these minutes. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report (Higgins/Brooks) **Motion passed.**
3. **New and Past Board Members:** President Brandl asked each member present to introduce self and indicate responsibility to the Board. He further indicated that outgoing Board members have met with their incoming counterparts to exchange information. Williams suggested incoming Board members might want to receive copies of past meeting minutes to acquaint themselves with issues the Board has dealt with.
4. **Review of Past Events:**
 - a. **Wine and Cheese/Annual Meeting:** Williams reported the event was successful and the speaker interesting. Brandl indicated approximately 120 attended. The event stayed within budget. He thanked the numerous volunteers. It was suggested, and will be considered, that beer be included in the future. Additionally, the Frasers did an inventory of the club supplies. President Brandl has purchased 6 see-through storage containers for these supplies and will label them appropriately. The total cost was \$51. A motion was made to reimburse Brandl for the cost (Higgins/Brooks). **Motion passed.**
 - b. **Guides Update:** Probert reported there have been numerous hikes but will be fewer in May and summer months. Higgins indicated he is a

snowbird and will be leaving shortly for the summer months to return end of Sept. Higgins recommended a new guide for mostly "C" hikes, and introduced Janet Elkan. Elkan is a non-resident member who has led hikes outside our club since about 2004. She reported she'll be taking a First Aid course in Kansas City. Elkan has applied for a State Land Trust permit. Motion to accept Elkan as a guide (Higgins/Rea). **Motion passed.** Brandl further indicated the Board can vote via email to expedite repayment to Elkan for the cost of the First Aid class. Higgins asked Sparling if she could update the hike database by April 10. Sparling reported she does this only once yearly. Discussion ensued regarding hike length and elevation discrepancies that should be corrected. Evert will give Sparling corrections periodically. Darrel Cornelius, webmaster, may be able to update the database more often.

- c. **Chiracahua Trip Extension:** Brooks reported a successful hike with 7 people attending on Monday and 5 on Tuesday.

5. Upcoming Events:

- a. **2016-2017 Calendar:** President Brandl distributed the calendar, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. The dates have been approved by C. Sullivan. Brandl indicated the December 7 guide recognition event date could be changed if all guides are not able to be present.
- b. **November 8 Picnic Planning:** Brandl will begin planning the event with Brooks. Judy Maisch will again take picnic reservations. Anderson asked if the site had been reserved. Brandl will make the reservation ASAP. He further indicated he will return to Sun City by November 3.
- c. **By-Laws Revision:** Williams reported the bylaw change was approved at the March 26 annual meeting. He has received from Gaston Meloche the electronic copy of club bylaws and he will make the correction. Copies of the bylaws will be made available as well as posted on the website. Further, we have almost reached the maximum number of non-residents allowed to join the club. This number is reached as a percentage of resident members. Anderson queried if the club resident numbers are lower, will we be taking fewer non-residents. Evert asked how the Board will handle this situation. Williams stated that Fraser, Anderson, and Simms would be able to deal with the situation should it arise.

- 6. Project with Pima County:** Jack Evert reported he's had some miscommunications with Pima County Parks and Recreation regarding the map project. P & R are making the map larger than originally planned. Evert will review it when final and approve payment. He questioned how many copies

were wanted by the club. Anderson indicated there were enough funds for many copies as the club had pledged \$2000 but had received \$1000 from the SCOV Foundation. Evert further indicated a QR code will be printed on the maps and P & R are working on an app one could download to a phone to locate a trail separately from the using the map. President Brandl thanked Evert and his committee for their work adding the map will be a nice benefit to our members.

7. **Panorama Display at Activity Center:** Darrel Cornelius reported that Sun City is requiring 2 poles instead of 1 to support the map sign. It is currently being fabricated and will be installed around May although not in the exact location originally thought. Instead of in front of the Activities Bldg, it will be to the right of it. Cornelius has submitted a request for \$991. Originally the cost was \$837 although the project was approved up to \$800. A motion was made (Brooks/Higgins) to fund the full \$991. **Motion passed.** Anderson requested Cornelius' paperwork to process reimbursement. Williams reported he had received approval from B. Mariani, SC General Manager, to have a panoramic sign placed at the ARC and that one is being considered for the new Views Restaurant patio once it is near completion. There may be an indication on it as to where someone may purchase additional copies. Discussion ensued regarding selling maps to real estate agents, having them use it in their promotional literature, copyrighting the map to prevent others from duplicating it, and the sale of maps as a club fundraiser. At Higgins suggestion, the discussion was tabled until the fall.
8. **Call to the Audience and New Business:** Anderson alerted new Board members to the availability of a reimbursement form located on the website. Williams reported he is seeking first aid kits which will easily fit in backpacks. Eschrich reported that on the State Land Permit there are 2 places to mark, for individuals and for family members. He further stated each hiker should have own permit. Brandl asked Cornelius to make certain the link for this permit which is on our website is indeed working.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:16pm.

Submitted by

Mary Rea, Secretary

