

PC Hiking Club Minutes

18 November 2024

Officers Present: Neal Wring, President, Tom Wick, Vice President, Mike Tansey, Treasurer

(Nancy Love substituting for Carol Rice, Secretary)

Meeting called to Order: 7:02 p.m.; Adjourned: 7:44 p.m.

Executive Committee Activities:

October 2024 Club Minutes approved and seconded. Motion to approve by Tom Wick, second by Jan Sherwood. (This is where I almost had an insurrection as I forgot that I had to call for a vote. The yays won.)

Treasurer's Report

Previous Balance: \$3311.73

Deposits: 660.00

Club Dues Collected 540.00

Picnic Raffle 120.00

Expenses 145.05

Garmin 83.65

Other – Go Daddy 23.17

Picnic Supplies 38.23

Current Balance \$3826.68

Club Membership (2024-25 season)

Total for new season 111 (v. 148 prior year)

New 12

Honorary* 17

Regular 82

*minimum 3000 miles hiked and three years in Club leadership position.

Club Highlights (Neal)

1. Garmin InReach SOS Training after meeting for all current and prospective hike leaders, led by Mike Tansey.
2. We've just completed two "Signature Hikes", one on the Javelina Trail (23 hikers) and the second up Picacho Peak (18 hikers). The Board would welcome feedback and suggestions for other destinations. The goal is to include as many hikers of all levels on a single hike.
3. Steve McElroy has led two Exploratory Hikes recently. Any members with an idea that warrants exploring should advise the Board.
4. Joyce Raidle will be hosting an Introductory Backpacking event at her home this Wednesday and will follow up with an overnight at the White Tank RP in January.
5. Ruth Bindler is seeking interest in Cross Country Skiing up in Flagstaff this winter. Let her know if this appeals to you. (Or maybe Snowshoeing).

Club Events (Neal)

1. Dave Schuldt will lead the Annual Solstice Hike on 21 December.
2. Join Laurie Malatesta and Linda Schmillen for a hike at the San Tan RP and lunch at Queen's Creek Botanical Garden on 26 January.
3. The Third Annual Octogenarian Hike will be managed by Dennis Zigmunt on 15 February. Come one, come all as the Under80 set will also be welcome.
4. Celebrate George's birthday by a hike at the Boyce Arboretum and lunch in Superior. Ruth has also taken the reins on this on 22 February.

Safety Minute

Mary Hill introduced a great little video on Hands-Only CPR, the gist being that the goal is to get oxygen to the heart and brain by Fast and Hard compression. (Staying Alive, Staying Alive)

Statistics

Ron Grove, after his usual amusing introduction, shared two noteworthy facts about this new season. One, the retention rate for Rookies is up. Second, there is a 13% increase in the return rate of current hikers.

Closing Remarks (Neal)

1. We are offering two A Hikes this week, Wednesday and Friday.
2. Lynn Warren reminded us that the **100 in 100** has begun and all Maricopa RP are included. Nadine Eder added that the Maricopa Trail also counts.

Next Meeting: **Monday, 16 December at 7 p.m.** at the Eagle's Nest Palm Room.