

**SADDLEBOOKE HIKING CLUB
BOARD MEETING
APRIL 7, 2010**

Call to Order & Attendees

David Hydeman, President, called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. In attendance were David Hydeman, Bill Leightenheimer, Ken Wong, Elizabeth Tancock, Frank Brier, Marjorie Herrmann, and Elisabeth Wheeler. Roy Carter was out of town.

Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Annual Membership Meeting conducted March 24, 2010 will be documented by Ken Wong and presented at the next Board meeting.

Membership Report

459 total members as of March, up 40 members from the January 10, 2010 figure of 419.

Treasurer's Report

- Opening Balance: \$1,817.94
- Closing Balance: \$4,595.67

Increase in the balance was primarily due to partial payments for the Grand Canyon trip and member dues, partially offset by copy, printing, picnic, and honorarium expenses. Elizabeth Tancock stated that we are current with collection of 2010 member dues.

Chief Hiking Guides' Report

There were 60 hikes in the January through February time period. A total of 499 hikers participated in these hikes, with distribution of number of hikers by category of hike as follows:

- A 5
- B 135
- C 285
- D 74

There is an effort currently underway to update the data base. Clarification on the meaning of what the "+" and "-" suffixes to the hike categories has been communicated to the membership. Frank Brier stated that the criterion (distance and gain in elevation) for the general categories remains constant, and that the "+" and "-" suffixes denote more difficult (i.e. rocky) or easier (i.e. paved trail) hiking conditions, respectively. There was general discussion on this topic, and these designations will continue in use.

Prior to the start of the meeting, only 23 hikes had been submitted for the May-June time frame. More are needed, and will be addressed in the Hiking Leader meeting following the Board meeting.

All participants for the Grand Canyon hike have paid their money. Larry Allen will now be the leader. There was discussion on whether the Board should review the selection of the leader in the future. It was noted that this hike is primarily for club members who have not hiked the Grand Canyon. There was discussion on best timing for the 2011 hike, with suggestions that the warmer months be avoided.

A proposal to revise the procedure for updating the hiking table was made by Frank Brier. In the future, the initial draft of the table will be sent only to the hiking leaders for review. Any revisions must then be

sent back to the Chief Hiking Guides to finalize the table. The final table will then be sent to Carole Rossof for inclusion in the monthly newsletter, taking Carole out of the loop for coordinating revisions. It was moved and seconded that this new procedure be adopted, and the motion passed.

Volunteers Status

It was clarified that Communications & Programs are now under separate leadership.

- Programs: Elisabeth Wheeler, chairperson
- Communications: open
- Publicity: open

Volunteers for the two open positions are being sought.

NEW BUSINESS

State Land Passes

It was decided to continue the practice of obtaining 4 State Land Passes at a cost of \$15 each for use by the club. Susan Hollis will continue to be the custodian of these passes, and Hike Leaders can check them out from her as needed.

State Park Passes

The club will not buy State Park Passes, expected to increase to \$75 each for this year. We will proceed on a pay as we go basis for 2010.

Master Roster: Guides, Officers, and Volunteers

Ken Wong will update the current list and distribute to the Board. Marjorie Herrmann provided Ken with the necessary information.

Sutherland Wash Petroglyphs

David Hydeman shared his encounter with U.S. Forest Service volunteers at the Sutherland Wash Petroglyphs on the hike he led on March 23, 2010. A group of volunteers working for the Forest Service who are in the process of cataloging and recording petroglyph locations and area contents indicated that we were not allowed to access archaeological sites such as the petroglyphs because of recent graffiti. Individuals causing the problem are unknown. However, they were mostly concerned about individuals on horses. Dave stated that he had encountered this volunteer group a few weeks previous and they at that time did not have a concern with our petroglyph hike. Anyway, they said we needed a pass from the Forest Service (no fee) each time we wanted to hike to the petroglyphs as a hiking group. Individual hikers to the petroglyphs were not considered a problem. Dave does not have a concern about their comments since they have no authority to dictate to us especially as volunteers. One of the volunteers took Dave's name and phone number and indicated that we would hear more from the Director of the U.S. Forest Service. Pending this communication, we do not plan to stop any hikes to the petroglyphs at this time. Dave will monitor the situation and inform the Board of what, if anything, comes of this concern.

Fall Picnic

It was noted that the fall picnic will be held at Catalina State Park on Friday, October 29, 2010. Pam Wakefield, co-chairperson of the Social Committee, has paid for the reservation.

Honorarium

It was moved, seconded, and approved to pay an honorarium to the Pima County Parklands Foundation in the amount of \$50 when Meg Quinn speaks to the club on April 21, 2010. Meg's topic will be Desert Wildflowers.

Bank Signature Cards

David Hydeman, new President, will need to sign a bank signature card so he can sign checks. Tentative date for going to the bank is Monday, April 12, 2010.

Get Well Card for Michael Reale

Elizabeth Tancock will purchase and send a get well card to past President Michael Reale who is at home recovering from cardiac artery bypass surgery he had on 4-1-10.

Board Meeting Time and Schedule

A decision was made to start the Board meetings at 2:45 p.m. instead of 3:00 p.m. to avoid running into the Hiking Leader meeting which starts at 4:00 p.m. The Board meetings will continue to be scheduled for the first Wednesday of "even" numbered months. Ken Wong is required to rebook the meeting room for the new start times.

Trash Cleanup

Bill Leightenheimer recommended purchasing three arm extenders to aid in the cleanup sessions for Catalina Hills. He was asked to obtain pricing and present this information at the next meeting.

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held on June 2, 2010 at the new meeting time of 2:45 p.m. at the SaddleBrooke Country Club.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m.