

**SADDLEBOOKE HIKING CLUB  
BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 2, 2010**

**Call to Order & Attendees**

David Hydeman, President, called the meeting to order at 2:47 p.m. in the SaddleBrooke HOA#1 Activity Center. In attendance were David Hydeman, Bill Leightenheimer, Ken Wong, Elizabeth Tancock, Frank Brier, and Roy Carter.

**Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of the Annual Membership Meeting conducted March 24, 2010 and the Board Meeting conducted April 7, 2010 were reviewed and approved. A secretary's report was provided, documenting actions completed since the prior Board Meeting, to include officer updates for the various SaddleBrooke organizations and publications. There was a discussion on distribution of the official Club Contact List, and a decision was rendered to limit distribution to the Board, with further distribution on an as needed basis.

**Membership Report**

465 total members as of May, up 6 members from the March total of 459.

**Treasurer's Report**

- Opening Balance: \$4,595.40
- Closing Balance: \$6,186.46

Increase in the balance was primarily due to a \$2,520 repayment of an advance for the Grand Canyon trip. Expenses included Grand Canyon transportation services, newsletter copies, an honorarium for guest speaker Meg Quinn, a hiking permit, and picnic supplies.

A question arose as to whether there is an annual budget for the club. There is none; however, consideration will be given to developing one to serve as a reference for the financial status of the club as we progress through the fiscal year. An action item is to review the rules for tax-exempt clubs and determine our compliance.

**Chief Hiking Guides' Report**

Statistics for the hikes conducted in the April-May timeframe were not available for the meeting; however the hikes scheduled were well attended, averaging 5-6 persons per hike.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Open Volunteer Positions**

Ken Wong volunteered to serve as Communications Coordinator. In this role, he will head the Communications Committee comprised of the Coordinator, the Newsletter Chairperson, the Publicity Chairperson, the Program Chairperson, and the Club Secretary. Responsibilities are documented in the job descriptions for the Club.

The search for a Publicity Chairperson continues, with Jan Wilson to be asked if she is interested. Jan is a Hiking Guide who frequently submits articles and photos of her hikes to the SaddleBrooke media for publication.

### Printing of Hiking Descriptions

A discussion on saving printing expenses focused on whether the Hike Descriptions section of the Newsletter can be excluded from the hard copies. Depending on the content of the Newsletter and the number of hikes offered, this could save a significant portion of the printing expense. As a reference, 3 of 10 pages (30%) could have been eliminated in the July/August Newsletter, while 5 of 12 pages (42%) could have been eliminated in the May/June Newsletter. This would require readers to access the hiking database for a detailed narrative of specific hikes they are considering. No action was taken as a result of this discussion.

### 2011 Grand Canyon Club Hike

We are trying to obtain permits for the September timeframe for the 2011 Grand Canyon hike. May, which was a prior consideration, is already closed out.

### Sutherland Wash Petroglyphs

As discussed in the April Board meeting, Dave Hydeman encountered several U.S. Forest Service volunteers at the Sutherland Wash Petroglyphs on a hike he led on March 23, 2010. They stated that we needed a pass from the Forest Service (no fee) each time we wanted to hike to the petroglyphs as a hiking group. We will not be acting on this conversation with the volunteers, and therefore will not pursue a pass for hikes to the Petroglyphs.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Michael Reale Recommendations

1. Hiking Guide Inquiries About Hiker Medical Conditions
  - Frank Brier will revise the Hiking Guide instructions and have the guides make the inquiry during the phone conversation when a member is signing up for a hike. This will avoid a public conversation in the parking lot immediately prior to departing for a hike.
  - Bill Leightenheimer will provide an input for the next Newsletter on the importance of carrying personal identification, and the availability of a company that provides at nominal cost a bracelet that can be etched with personal vital information.
2. First Aid / CPR Refresher Courses (for Guides and/or General Membership)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Choice: Have Walt Shields conduct training (Walt will be asked if he would be willing to do this for the Club)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice: Golder Ranch Fire Department
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Choice: American Red Cross
3. GPS Satellite Messenger for Club Use: tabled. Considered a hiker-discretionary item.

### Hike Database Update

The effort is nearly complete, and the next Newsletter will inform the Club Membership of changes. Hundreds of hours have been spent by Roy Carter and others in doing this huge task.

**Get Well Card for Michael Reale / Gift Policy**

A get well card was sent to past President Michael Reale who is doing well in his recovery from cardiac artery bypass surgery he had on 4-1-10. Regarding gifts for past officers, a decision was made that no gifts will be given to prior officers. However, the past practice of public recognition via the media such as the Newsletter will continue.

**Trash Cleanup Tools**

Bill Leightenheimer recommended purchasing three arm extenders to aid in the cleanup sessions for Catalina Hills. A motion was made by Frank Brier and seconded by Elizabeth Tancock for the purchase of these extenders. The motion was approved.

**Next Meeting**

The next Board meeting will be held on August 4, 2010 at the new meeting time of 2:45 p.m. It will be in the HOA#1 Activity Center at the SaddleBrooke Country Club. Ken Wong mentioned that he will not be able to attend due to an out-of-town commitment.

**Adjournment**

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