

**SADDLEBOOKE HIKING CLUB
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 6, 2011**

Call to Order & Attendees

Bill Leightenheimer, President, called the meeting to order at 2:49 p.m. in the SaddleBrooke HOA#1 Activity Center. In attendance were Bill Leightenheimer, Bob Kolenda, Ken Wong, Virginia Brier, Frank Brier, Larry Linderman and Cheryl Werstler. Absent were Elizabeth Tancock, Howie Fagan, and Roy Carter.

Opening comments from Bill Leightenheimer included a welcome to the new members of the Board, and presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to Frank Brier. Elizabeth Tancock was not present and will be given her certificate at a later date.

Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Board Meeting conducted February 2, 2011 and the Member Meeting conducted March 18, 2011 were reviewed and approved.

Membership Report

The current report from Bob Perez indicated that 425 persons are currently paid up members.

Treasurer's Report

There was no Treasurer's report available.

Newsletter

A discussion on the cost of printing the newsletter took place, and it was noted that we spent over \$1,100 in 2010 for copies to be distributed to the two fitness centers. A suggestion to eliminate the hike descriptions on the hard copies to save paper was made. No action was taken, and the subject will be addressed in new business at the next Board meeting.

Chief Hiking Guides' Report

There was no Hiking Guides' report available.

OLD BUSINESS

Website Status

Ken Wong reported on the status of improvements to the website. Recent changes included the following:

- Revision of the home page: revised summary text, updated officer listing, and addition of special bulletins
- New By-Laws posted
- Financials and Meeting Minutes added to the archives
- Shirt order form revised to reflect new Merchandise Coordinator, Pam Corrigan
- 6 new links added to Useful Links page

Club Picnic

Bill Leightenheimer commented that the member meeting and club picnic held March 18, 2011 at Catalina State Park was very successful. The work of Beaver Simpson and Marge Wong of the Social Committee was acknowledged. Ninety persons were in attendance, and many favorable comments were received about the event. Main business was election of officers and this was followed by a picnic meal. Minutes of the member meeting were documented separately.

Merchandise Coordinator

Pam Corrigan volunteered to serve as Merchandise Coordinator. She assumes the position vacated last fall by Sandy Businger.

Fall Picnic

Beaver Simpson has reserved the Catalina State Park group picnic area for the fall picnic. It will be held on Friday, October 28, 2011.

NEW BUSINESS**Bank Signature Card Update**

The bank signature card needs to be updated to add Virginia Brier and Bob Kolenda as signatories. Elizabeth Tancock will be removed. Bill Leightenheimer, Virginia Brier, and Bob Kolenda will meet at Bank of the West on Thursday, April 14, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. to complete this action.

Dues Discussion

Bob Perez has asked the Board for guidance on what to do with members who have paid their dues beyond the 2011 calendar year. The possible actions of listing member dues payment status on the website, or refunding dues paid beyond 2011 were discussed, but no action was taken. It was also noted that a significant number of persons have not renewed their memberships for 2011. An action for Ken Wong was to send a notification to all persons who were 2010 members and had not renewed for 2011.

Arizona Trail Association Dues

A motion to donate \$250.00 to the Arizona Trail Association passed.

Arizona Trail Completion: Member Recognition

A suggestion to acknowledge club members who have completed the Arizona Trail was approved. Ken Wong will post names and dates of completion on the website. Currently, five members have accomplished this feat: Kathy Gish, Cheryl Werstler, Dean Werstler, Elisabeth Wheeler, and Bill Leightenheimer.

INFORMATION ITEMS**Venue Change for Programs and Social Hours**

Programs will now be held at the HOA#1 Activity Center and Social Hours will be held at the Agave Lounge at the SaddleBrooke Clubhouse. The change from the MountainView facility was due to poor lighting conditions in the West Ballroom.

Joint Hikes with Sun City Hiking Club

A member of the Sun City Hiking Club suggested that we have joint hikes with their club. No action was taken on this suggestion.

Arizona State Land Department: Arizona Trust Land Recreational Permits

A decision was made to discontinue the purchase of recreational permits for Arizona Trust Land and let the current passes expire. A notification to members will be made by Ken Wong to inform them that responsibility for procuring a permit resides with each individual. Technically speaking, the permits purchased by the club do not cover club members on club hikes unless the permit is in their name. They are only valid for named individuals or specific families.

Next Meeting

The next regular Board meeting will be held on June 1, 2011 at 2:45 p.m. It will be in the HOA#1 Activity Center at the SaddleBrooke Country Club.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:42 p.m.