

**SADDLEBOOKE HIKING CLUB
BOARD MEETING MINUTES - final
SEPTEMBER 14, 2011**

Call to Order & Attendees

Bill Leightenheimer, President, called the meeting to order at 2:46 p.m. in the SaddleBrooke Clubhouse Coyote Room North. In attendance were Bill Leightenheimer, Bob Kolenda, Ken Wong, Virginia Brier, and Cheryl Werstler. Absent was Larry Linderman.

Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Board Meeting conducted August 3, 2011, previously distributed by Ken Wong, were approved as written.

Membership Report

The current report from Karen Cusano indicated 448 currently paid up members, down 1 from 449 at our August meeting. The one person decrease was due to removal of an ineligible person, George Brunder, from our membership. He had previously lived in SaddleBrooke but no longer lives here.

Treasurer's Report

Virginia Brier gave the Treasurer's report. The starting balance was \$4,294.35, and the ending balance was \$4,186.63. Disbursements included \$133.96 for newsletter printing, \$13.76 for membership coordinator supplies, and a \$5.00 membership refund to George Brunder. Deposits of \$45.00 were from member dues.

Chief Guides' Report

Cheryl Werstler reported that 2 hikes were conducted in June (16 of 18 scheduled hikes were cancelled), 7 hikes were conducted in July, and 8 hikes were conducted in August (11 scheduled hikes were cancelled).

The SaddleBrooke Hiking Club started offering hikes along the Arizona Trail on March 12, 2010, and by the end of December 2011 will have offered 33 of the 43 passages. As part of the Arizona Centennial celebration, there is an Arizona Trail Centennial Adventure (ATCA) event to be conducted September 15 – October 21 for groups only. Registered groups will choose passages to hike, bike, run, or ride horses along the trail and record their accomplishments on the ATCA website. The goal is to have all passages of the 800+ mile long trail covered by at least one group during this period.

The next guide meeting is scheduled for October 5th at 4:00 p.m. in the HOA#1 Activity Center.

OLD BUSINESS

Club Merchandise

A new shirt order form has been designed and has been distributed to the membership. It is also posted on the website. Pam Corrigan, our new Merchandise Coordinator, will bring shirt samples to the picnic on October 28th and take orders.

Fall Picnic

The Fall Picnic is scheduled for October 28, 2011 at Catalina State Park. Logistics are being handled by Beaver Simpson and Marge Wong, and everything is on track. The Board voted unanimously to purchase four \$25.00 gift certificates from REI to be handed out as door prizes. Ken Wong will purchase the certificates.

NEW BUSINESS

Website Status

Ken Wong was informed by Kristine Bienema, who is in charge of the overall HOA#1 website, that simple updates to our website will be made by her during this interim transition period leading up to a new website architecture. It is still unknown as to whether administrative rights will be given to users, allowing them to post changes and archive documents to their own sites. As the features of the new website become known, the new architecture will be communicated to the Board.

Mass Emailing Software

Ken Wong reported that the mass emailing software (SendBlaster) has been installed and is working well for Carole Rossof. She sent out the September-October newsletter and a special bulletin using SendBlaster, and has not had any significant problems with the application. The package saves significant time in both administering master email lists, and in sending out club communications.

Sedona Hikes: May 2012

Bob Kolenda is in the preliminary planning stages for a series of Sedona area hikes in the 2nd or 3rd week of May 2012. More information will follow as plans develop, but the approach will be similar to the Grand Canyon hikes held this past May.

Nominating Committee for 2012 Elections

Bill Leightenheimer mentioned that a nominating committee consisting of a chairperson and two other persons will be needed for the 2012 officer elections. To be elected in March 2012 will be a President, Secretary, and an Associate Chief Guide. Any suggestions as to qualified persons should be directed to Bill.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Next Meeting

The next regular Board meeting will be on December 7, 2011 at 2:45 p.m. Due to unavailability of the HOA#1 Activity Center, a location will be secured by Ken Wong.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m.