

**SADDLEBOOKE HIKING CLUB  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES - final  
DECEMBER 7, 2011**

**Call to Order & Attendees**

Bill Leightenheimer, President, called the meeting to order at 2:45 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 September 14, 2011 and the Member Meeting conducted October 28, 2011, previously distributed by Ken Wong, and were approved as written.

**Membership Report**

The current report from Karen Cusano indicated 486 currently paid up members, up 38 members from 448 at our September meeting.

**Treasurer's Report**

Virginia Brier gave the Treasurer's report. The starting balance was \$4,186.63, and the ending balance was \$4,181.23. Disbursements included \$218.20 for newsletter printing, \$136.43 for data base pages, \$276.97 for picnic expenses, \$25.00 for an Activity Fair table, and \$8.80 for stamps. Deposits of \$660.00 were from member dues (\$610.00) and shirt sales (\$50.00).

**Chief Guides Report**

Cheryl Werstler reported that a new member orientation will be conducted on February 1, 2012 at the HOA#1 Activity Center. Starting time is 3:00 p.m., and will be followed by a social hour at the SaddleBrooke Country Club Agave Lounge.

Statistics for the September through October timeframe were as follows:

- Total hikes conducted: 40 (16 A, 7 B, 13 C, 4 D)
- Total hikers participating: 298 (99 A, 37 B, 126 C 36 D)

The next guide meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. in the HOA#1 Activity Center. This conflicts with Social Hour, but a decision was made to keep to the regular schedule.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Club Merchandise**

Pam Corrigan, our Merchandise Coordinator, is now offering long sleeve shirts in two weights for sale.

**New Website**

Ken Wong reported that HOA#1 has once again delayed implementation of their new website, so the club's current website should be available through at least late December. Contact has been made with GoDaddy.com and the preferred domain name of "saddlebrookehikingclub.com" is available. Ken will be committing shortly to registering this domain name and committing to a web hosting agreement in

the next week or so, trying to take advantage of discounting to save money on fees. As a reminder, the WordPress software is in the public domain and will not cost the club anything.

### Activity Fair

Bob Kolenda is organizing the Activity Fair for the club. The date is January 14, 2012 from 8:30 – 12:30. We have a table in the same location as last year between the two exit doors. A detailed plan has been developed and documented by Bob Kolenda for future organizers. Volunteers have been obtained to staff the table for four 1-hour shifts, and other volunteers will help with setup and cleanup.

### Flagstaff-Sedona Trip: May 14-18, 2012

A mailing was sent out to all who indicated an interest in the Flagstaff-Sedona trip. On December 15, 2011, there will be a meeting of guides to develop a detailed hike schedule.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Geocache and GPS Class

Roy Carter and Bill Leightenheimer are organizing a geocache and GPS class for the club. It is scheduled for January 9<sup>th</sup> (1-4 pm), 10<sup>th</sup> (8-12 am), & 11<sup>th</sup> (8-12 am) of 2012 at the MountainView facility. Details will be forthcoming in the next newsletter.

### Calendar Conflict – February 1, 2012

The February Board Meeting (2:45 pm – 4:00 pm) and the Newcomer Orientation (3:00 pm – 4:00 pm) had overlapping times on February 1, 2012. A decision was made to reschedule the Board Meeting to one week later on February 8, 2012. Ken Wong will obtain a room for the Board Meeting and inform everyone of the location. It was also decided to keep the Guide meeting on February 1<sup>st</sup> since we already have the HOA#1 Activity Center for that date and time slot (4:00 pm – 5:00 pm). It will then immediately follow the Newcomer Orientation.

### Nominating Committee for 2012 Elections

Bill Leightenheimer confirmed that a nominating committee consisting of Roy Carter, Frank Brier, and Walt Shields will seek candidates for the upcoming election. 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 one of the committee members.

### Spring Picnic Reschedule

Ken Wong mentioned that he and his wife are unavailable for the current spring picnic date of March 2, 2012. Bill Leightenheimer agreed to contact Beaver Simpson and determine an alternate date.

### 2012 Calendar

The calendar for meetings and activities was discussed, with several dates requiring firming up. Ken Wong will send out a revised calendar once the February Board Meeting location is determined, the new picnic date is finalized, and pending further inputs on program dates from Elisabeth Wheeler.

### Summer Month Social Hours

After discussion, it was decided to keep the summer month social hours. It was agreed that a process of ensuring that a regular member be in attendance to meet new and prospective members needed to be implemented. No action was assigned.

**Donations**

Responding to requests, the Board agreed on the following donations:

- Oracle State Park      \$50.00
- Sky Island Alliance      \$50.00

**Dues Policy**

To optimize administrative effort on the part of the Membership Coordinator and the Treasurer, it was agreed that we will encourage multi-year payment of dues, subject to the following rules:

- Payment can be for 1, 2 or 3 years at a time (continue to offer 1 year memberships in case of any financial hardships)
- \$5.00 per year under all options (no discounts)
- No lifetime memberships
- No refunds, even for multi-year payments
- If dues are raised and you paid in advance, you are grandfathered in and do not have to pay the differential
- New members joining in January through September get the remaining months of that year for the first paid year. Other paid years are for a full twelve months.
- New members joining in the months of October, November, and December get these months gratis, with dues credited starting in January of the next year. This is consistent with the current By-Laws.

We will get concurrence from Karen Cusano, and then proceed to implement this new Dues Policy.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Next Meeting**

The next regular Board meeting will be on February 8, 2012 at 2:45 p.m. (Post meeting note: it will be held in the Coyote Room North)

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:26 p.m.