

**SADDLEBROOKE HIKING CLUB  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES –  
December 5, 2012**

**Call to Order & Attendees**

Larry Allen, President, called the meeting to order at 2:45, at the HOA #1 Activity Center Board members in attendance were Larry Allen, Dave Sorenson, Walt Shields, and Bob Kolenda. Absent were Virginia Brier and Larry Linderman. Karen Cusano presented the membership report.

**Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of the Board Meeting conducted October 3, 2012, previously distributed by Dave Sorenson, were approved as written.

**Membership Report**

Karen Cusano reports that current membership is 497 members.

**Treasurer's Report**

Virginia Brier provided a report via email. The starting balance was \$5024.82, and the ending balance was \$4680.52. Disbursements totaled \$146.01. Deposits of \$430 were from member dues. Prepaid membership dues now total \$1,585.00.

**Chief Guide's Report**

Walt Shields reported that November and December hikes included 4 "A" hikes, 13 "B" hikes, 30 "C" hikes and 7 "D" hikes. Walt also reported that the December 3<sup>rd</sup> Wilderness Safety class for hiking guides was well attended. Twenty-four guides were in attendance. Two prospective guides also attended. Five guides had out of town or had conflicts. Walt plans a March hikes for guides only that will cover simulated, real life scenarios.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Activity Fair**

Bob Kolenda stated the Activity Fair would be Saturday, January 26, 2013. Volunteers to staff the fair have been identified.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Zion National Park hikes in April 2013**

Dave Sorenson reported that 108 people have signed up for the Zion hikes in April 23-25, 2013. Nine hiking guides have volunteered to lead hikes: Walt Shields, Bob Kolenda, Don Taylor, Dave Hydeman, Dave Sorenson, Larry Allen, Larry Linderman, Roy Carter and Susan Hollis.

The Board decided to restrict participation in the Zion hikes to members only. Given the sheer number of participants it is likely every hike will be full as the park service limits or encourages limits on number of hikers in a group. Some members had asked if relatives or friends could participate.

A guide meeting to go over the prospective hikes and who will lead them will be held in late January. The members signed up for the Zion trip will be sent an email in early February with a list of hikes and their description. The members can then sign up for hikes while there is availability as some hikes will have a group limit.

April 4, 2013, a Zion hike participant pot luck will be held at the HOA #1 tennis facility patio.

**Nominating Committee for Board positions- Vice President, Treasurer, Chief Hiking Guide**

Larry Allen asked that each board member send him a list of three people to staff the nominating committee. The committee will present nominees at the March, 2013 hiking club picnic.

**Sky Island Alliance**

The Board approved a \$150 donation to Sky Island Alliance based on Larry Allen's recommendation.

**Spring Picnic**

Larry Allen said Beaver Simpson had set the spring picnic date for April 12, 2013.

**Next Meeting**

The next regular Board meeting will be February 6, 2013 at 2:45 p.m., at the HOA #1 Activity Center.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.