

SaddleBrooke Hiking Club Board Meeting Minutes - January 28, 2014

Call to Order & Attendees

Larry Allen, President, called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m., at Larry's home. Other Board members in attendance were Susan Hollis, Dave Sorenson, and Melissa Simpson.

Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Board Meeting conducted December 4, 2013, previously distributed by David Sorenson, were approved as written.

Membership Report

Larry Allen reported that membership is 449 members.

Treasurer's Report

Melissa Simpson provided the report. Our starting balance was \$4661.54, and our ending balance was \$4467.03. Deposits were \$850. Expenses were \$1044. Prepaid dues total \$570.

Action Item- Cost Control. Susan Hollis will investigate printing costs of different copy and print shops. Per copy prices have risen dramatically. Printing costs comprise over 50% of the clubs budget.

Policy change- The Board approved eliminating printing of the newsletter portion that detailed hike descriptions. This change takes place immediately.

Discussion- The possibility of a increase in Annual Dues from \$5 to \$10 was discussed and tabled till next meeting.

Action Item- Dave Sorenson will notify Maureen Spence (Newsletter Editor) of the change.

Action Item- Larry Allen will talk to Martha Hackworth to make sure the hike description pages are not copied in the newsletter.

Action Item-Larry Allen will send Maureen Spence a short explanation to be inserted in the newsletter.

Chief Guides Report

Hike Report from Susan Hollis:

A: 3 hikes, average # of hikers =5

B: 1 hikes, average # of hikers = 4

C: 8 hikes, average # of hikers = 5.6

D: 1 hikes, average # of hikers = 4

Note: 13 hikes were canceled in December. Seven hikes were canceled for lack of participation.

Five new hiking guides Del Hudson, Frank Hartley, Ron Franklin Paul Bishop and Litch Litchfield have joined the club and were introduced at the December guide meeting.

Policy change- The Board approved charging participants for out of pocket costs for training and educational courses that the club currently pays for.

Policy change-The Board approved the transition period 1 to 2 years to convert the printing of the Data Base of hikes to a 100% on line system by eliminating the costly printing of the date base. The Data Base is currently available on line. The next paper publishing was scheduled for December, 2014. Any future printing will require board approval of costs.

Action Item-Susan Hollis outlined a method to allow non active hiking guides to be removed from the list of guides. Randy Park will review the list of guides to establish who the active guides were in 2013.

Oracle School Board Request

Action Item - Larry Allen will review the request made for club volunteers in the Oracle Schools.

Arizona Trail

The Board turned down a request by the Arizona Trail Association to be a business partner.

Policy change- The Board agreed that the club should donate only to groups that contribute to the hiking club by way of programs or sponsored hikes.

Picnic Committee-

The Board approved changing the name of the social committee to picnic committee.

Action Item-Larry Allen will contact Laverne Kyriss about the budget and date of the spring picnic.

Moab Trip -April 28-30, 2014

128 people have signed up for the Moab hikes. A hiking grid and update will be sent to participants in the coming weeks . The possibility of reconfiguring the schedule was discussed. It will change based on participant sign up for each hike.

Maureen Spence and Lissa White have agreed to be in charge of the Moab potluck scheduled for April 21.

Nominating Committee

Open positions for President, Secretary, and Program Chairperson currently exist. Efforts to fill the positions will continue.

May Social Hour

Action Item- Susan Hollis will check to see if the Agave Lounge is open and available for a May social event.

Next Meeting is April 2 at 2:45 in Coyote Room North.