

SaddleBrooke Hiking Club Board Meeting Minutes –

June 4, 2014

Call to Order and Attendees: Larry Allen called the meeting to order at 2:45 pm. Present were Dianne Ashby, Melissa Simpson, Tim Butler, David Sorenson, Susan Hollis, and Karen Cusano.

Meeting Minutes: Minutes of the Board Meeting of April 2, 2014 were approved as written.

Membership Report: Karen Cusano reported that our current membership has grown to 510. This has increased from 496 in 2013. We also have 26 members from SaddleBrooke Ranch.

Treasurer's Report: Melissa Simpson reported that our opening Balance was \$4,297.92. Deposits (dues and Picnic checks) were \$610.00. Disbursements (donations to Sky Island Alliance, YMCA of So. Az Spring Picnic, and gift certificates for SBHC Picnic) were \$600. Our ending balance was \$4,307.92.

Larry Allen brought up the idea of having a more detailed financial report and showed an example of a spreadsheet which was used in 2011. The discussion was favorable to moving to a report format which has more information, but not as complicated as the example shown. Melissa Simpson will work on a new format and report to the Board.

Contribution to Pima Trails Association: Melissa suggested that we work on some kind of reciprocal agreement which will combine our contribution with an agreement that they make a presentation at one of our Club programs. ACTION ITEM: Larry will get more information on the Pima Trails Association and will report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Chief Guides Report: For the April/May period, a total of 47 hikes were offered.

A: 2 hikes, average number of hikers = 6

B: 7 hikes, average number of hikers = 6.5

C: 29 hikes, average number of hikers = 12

D: 9 hikes, average number of hikers = 16

These numbers include the hikes offered on the Club trip to Moab. On that trip, 18 hikes were offered. The total number of hikers was 101.

There was general discussion about more effectively using our pool of Guides to obtain more feedback from our members so as to improve our offerings to those members. ACTION ITEM: It was decided that Dave and Susan will work together to come up with a plan to do this.

Arizona Trail Maintenance discussion: John Rendall (head of AZT maintenance for S. Arizona) will be training a group of SBHC volunteers this fall to maintain a section of the American Flag Trail. These volunteers include (for now) Sandra Sowell, Mary Croft, Elisabeth Wheeler, Ray Peale, and Martha Hackworth. The Board decided that the Club will reimburse these volunteers for their mileage. Also, AZT representatives will make a presentation at our October program. The Board decided to give a \$100 contribution to the AZT Association at that presentation.

Moab trip feedback: Susan and David reported that the feedback from the Club trip to Moab was overwhelmingly positive. There is much excitement among the participants for the next club trip.

Ideas for next year's club trip: Several ideas were considered, including Taos/Santa Fe, Page, Escalante, Palm Springs, and Sedona. After much discussion it was decided to narrow down the options to Page, Sedona, and Palm Springs. More research needs to be done on key factors such as the number of C and D hikes available in the area, trail access (esp. transportation to trailhead) issues, and accommodations available for such a large number of participants.

The next meeting is August 6 at 2:45 pm in the Coyote Room North.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Butler