

SaddleBrooke Hiking Club Board Meeting Minutes –

October 14, 2014

Call to order and Attendees: Mike Wolters, Dave Sorenson, Susan Hollis, Melissa Simpson, Tim Butler

Meeting Minutes: Minutes of the Board Meeting of July 30, 2014 were approved as written.

Membership Report: We have 530 members as of Oct. 12, 2014.

Financial Report: Treasurer Melissa Simpson provided this report:

**HIKING CLUB FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**August 01, 2014 - September 30, 2014**

Date	Description	Deposits	Disbursements	Balance
				\$
	<b>Opening Balance</b>			<b>4,057.09</b>
				\$
7/3/14	Dues	\$20.00		4,077.09
				\$
8/24/14	Karen Cusano-Membership form copies		\$5.41	4,071.68
				\$
8/27/14	Dues	\$20.00		4,091.68
				\$
9/11/14	Martha Hackworth-Newsletter copies		\$150.48	3,941.20
				\$
9/18/14	Dues	\$5.00		3,946.20
				\$
	<b>Ending Balance</b>			<b>3,946.20</b>
	Total Deposits	\$45.00		
	Total Disbursements		\$155.89	

NUMBER OF HIKING CLUB MEMBERS PAID	FOR YEAR
<b>385</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>76</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>43</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>2018</b>

There was discussion about how to cut down on printing/copying costs. One possible way would be to cut down on the number of pages in the Newsletter during the summer months and direct members to the website for much of the content. ACTION ITEM: Dave Sorenson will ask Ken Wong if he can put a counter on the site to determine the traffic.

We also discussed the cost of the club Picnic. Melissa looked at past costs for comparison. The thinking of the Board is that perhaps it needs to set a budget in consultation with the Picnic Committee. ACTION ITEM: The Board will assign a budget with the Picnic Committee well prior to the next Picnic so the Committee can make its plans accordingly.

#### CHIEF GUIDES REPORT:

June/July: 14 hikes were scheduled. 8 hikes took place (6 cancelled due to lack of participants).

A Hikes: 0

B Hikes: 2 (Ave. of 5 per hike)

C Hikes: 5 (Ave. of 6 per hike)

D Hikes: 1 (4 hikers)

August/September: 20 hikes scheduled. 11 hikes took place. 4 hikes cancelled for weather, 5 cancelled for lack of hikers.

B Hikes: 1 (5 hikers)

C Hikes: 8 (Ave. of 6.5/hike)

D Hikes: 2 (Ave. of 9 hikers)

There was discussion of consolidating the hiking schedule and the Newsletter for the summer months due to the low number of participants. We wondered if it may be wise to do a single hike schedule and Newsletter for July through October. This will be evaluated further at the next meeting.

#### SCHEDULING THE AGAVE LOUNGE FOR CLUB SOCIALS:

Due to confusion arising when people show up at the Agave Lounge for a Social Hour when no Program has been scheduled, the Board will recommend that the Program Committee affirmatively schedule the Agave Lounge only when there will be a Program Presentation. Also, the Newsletter schedule should only list a Social Hour when it will follow a Program Presentation. ACTION ITEM: Susan will contact Maureen Spence and the Program Committee about this.

#### ASSIGN BOARD MEMBERS TO THE PICNIC AND PROGRAM COMMITTEES TO ENHANCE

COMMUNICATIONS?: After considerable discussion, the Board felt that the best way to address this concern is to invite representatives of both committees to attend Board Meetings. ACTION ITEM: Susan will contact the Program Committee and Dave will contact the Picnic Committee to encourage their participation in the Board Meetings.

ESTABLISH CLEAR POLICY FOR SUPPORTING CLUB PROGRAMS AND NON-PROFITS: Having the Program Committee participate in Board Meetings will also allow thorough discussion of donations for speakers from various non-profit organizations. In the past it has been Club practice to donate \$100 to speakers representing non-profits and a \$25 gift certificate to non-SaddleBrooke residents who speak.

PALM SPRINGS HIKING TRIP UPDATE: Dave said that he has nearly 80 members signed up to date. He will be planning a Guide Meeting in November or December for those guides who have signed up.

UPCOMING ACTIVITY FAIR PARTICIPATION: Mike will be at our table at this event. Karen Cusano has indicated that she will also try to be there.

LARRY ALLEN'S PROPOSAL FOR POSSIBLE REIMBURSEMENT FOR RECONNISANCE BEFORE ANNUAL CLUB HIKING TRIPS: Discussion of this topic will be deferred until the next meeting.

The next meeting is Dec. 3 at 2:45pm in the Coyote Room North.

This meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Butler