

**SCOV Hiking Club Annual Meeting**  
and  
Wine and Cheese Party  
March 23, 2024

Meeting called to order by Jacob O'Neill at 2:14

**Annual Meeting and Wine and Cheese Party attendance:** 114 SCOV Hiking Club members and 8 guests for a total of 122 attended the Annual Meeting. Jake gave a special thanks to Charlene and Amos Meyers, Al Schmidt for organizing the food for the Wine and Cheese party and Jim Brandl for providing the wine.

1. Jake introduced the quest speaker from the Western National Parks Association (WNPA): Associate Director of Regional Programming and Community Outreach Carolyn Lochner.

The speaker provided very informative information regarding the National Park Service. WNPA has been in existence since 1938 and supports 70 parks in 12 states. Carolyn had a special focus on The Tumacacori national Historic park and The Chiricahua National Monument.

2. Jake acknowledged the following three outgoing board members and thanked them for their service

- Jane Budden - Secretary
- Claude Janus - Treasurer
- Al Schmidt - Vice President

3. 2024 -2025 Board of Directors Nominees: Ken Percival, Nominating Committee Chair presented the Proposed Slate of Board Members for 2024-2025:

President - Jake O'Neill  
Vice President - Bernie Rosling  
Secretary - Chris Shepherd  
Treasurer - Nancy McDermott  
Chief Guide - Tom Meyer

No nominations were presented from the floor. Motion to accept the proposed slate was made and seconded. The slate was approved by acclamation.

4. Jake reported on the status of SCOV Hiking Club:

- A. Club Membership: There are currently 335 members.
- B. Finances: Currently there is \$6,100 in the treasury.
- C. The Fall and Spring picnics were very successful
- D. The trips to Hawaii were will organized and amazing. Special thank you to Charlene and Amos Meyers for organizing the trips.
- E. The trip to Kanab UT in October filled up very quickly.

5. Chief Guide Tom Meyer reported that there are currently 34 guides.
  - The guides go the extra mile both on and off the trails. They frequently preview trails and take care of all the administrative work for signing hikers up.
  - We have 3 new guides and one more awaiting board approval.
  - The club is looking to have more hikers volunteer to be guides. Recent twenty six of the guides attended six hours of first aid training to help keep hikers safe.
6. A member of the Hiking Club, Darrel Cornelius recently passed away. Phil Weinberg said a few words regarding Darrel and his contribution to the Hiking club.

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 by Jacob O'Neill.

Minutes submitted by: Jane Budden