

SCOV Hiking Club
Board Meeting
Wednesday December 3, 2025, 3:30 p.m.
Saguaro Room, Desert Oasis

Board Members Attending: Bernie Rosling, President; Doug Gouzie, Vice President, Chris Shepherd, Secretary

Club Members Attending: Richard Babin, Meg Gerkin, Ken Percival and Debbie Hansen

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

Minutes Approval: The minutes of the October 22, 2025 meeting were approved as revised.

President Updates:

Donated Hiking Books: Bob and Leslie Esparza have donated several hiking books to the club. Bernie will take them to the SCOV library to see if they can be checked out to homeowners or sold at one of their book sales.

Wine/Cheese Speaker: Bernie suggested the club invite the speaker with the power point presentation "Wildlife and the Wall" by Sky Island Alliance. It is 40 minutes long and Bernie felt it was interesting and appropriate for the club. This met with approval from those present.

Vice President Report: Doug asked about the annual SCOV Club Fair. Typically, the hiking club has had a booth there. After some discussion it was agreed Doug will look into the Fair's date and contact club members Doug Higgins and Jim Brandl who have organized this event in the past.

New Year's Eve Picnic: This event will be held at the Flycatcher group picnic area at Catalina State Park. It is a potluck. More information will be given to members regarding this event.

Treasurer's Report: The club's account balance is \$5,816. Nancy submitted an updated Treasurer's report which will be attached to these minutes.

Chief Guide Report: As Byron couldn't attend the meeting, Bernie gave an update. Byron held a guide's meeting recently that went well. They have one extra Garmin that they are willing to donate or sell.

Once-a-year hikes (typically A & B hikes) will be listed on the hike schedule in the month they occur. Discussion ensued about perhaps naming these hikes something different. Bernie will send out a communication to members regarding this change and will identify some 2026 planned hikes in this category.

Meg asked that the New Year's Eve picnic information preface the hikes occurring that day as there has been some confusion from members about why so many hikes are offered that day. Richard and Meg will collaborate on this wording.

Membership: The club continues to grow, with 358 members currently. Several members joined this fall after their orientation.

Webmaster Update: Richard announced that Debbie Hansen has stepped up to do hike submissions and has already been trained on this function. Richard still needs someone to volunteer for the Webmaster task. Bernie will be sending out a communication which will include this and will also mention it at the upcoming picnic.

Nominating Committee: Ken has found a member to be the Club Secretary for 2026. Nancy has enjoyed the Treasurer position and even though her term is up in 2026 Ken will ask if she wants to continue this role.

Fall Santa Fe Trip: We are still looking at lodging options. Cost is a consideration.

Mileage Report: There was no mileage update.

Tipster: Bernie reported that he has received several inquiries and compliments regarding the monthly Tipster articles and photos. He acknowledged Secretary Chris Shepherd for her work on these.

As there was no old or new business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m.