

Annual Meeting
Wine & Cheese Party
March 26, 2022

President Georgene Porter called the meeting to order at 3:15.

1. Guest speakers were introduced:

-Rebecca Davidson, Director of the Southwest Field Region for the National Forest Foundation

-Eric Ruljancich, Owner/Founder of Out Slope Trail Solutions

-Jake Baechle, the Developed and Dispersed Recreation Program Manager for the Santa Catalina Ranger District.

Their presentation showcased the power of partnerships on the Santa Catalina Trails. They described the challenges and efforts made to restore the trails and areas burned by the 2020 Bighorn Fire and exacerbated by the extreme monsoon season the following summer. Using volunteer labor along with skilled crews as well as monetary donations, the National Forest Foundation has leveraged these and worked with Outslope Trails Solution and the Coronado National Forest to re-open trail which remained closed to protect public safety and the natural environment.

Jo Eaton was recognized for her volunteer efforts on Romero Trail.

2. Club Business:

a. The Club's involvement in projects:

-Jake O'Neill represents our interest in Honey Bee Canyon access within Sun City border. Additionally he met with all those interested in the trip on September 25 - 30 to Silver City, New Mexico

-Clive Probert/Richard Babin regarding support of Preserve Vistoso

-Discussion regarding the property at the end of the 50-Year Trail and what will happen to our access should the land go up for sale in 2039.

b. Recognition was given to all members who volunteered time/talents to help SCOV Hiking Club this past year.

c. Donations of clothing were collected for Gospel Rescue Mission by Darrel Cornelius

d. Sale of hiking club clothing by individual members

3. Meg Gerken, the Nominating Committee Chair, presented the Proposed Slate of Officers for 2022-2023

President – Georgene Porter

Vice President – Jake O'Neill

Secretary – Jane Budden

Treasurer – Claude Janus

Chief Guide – Laurie Payne

No nominations were presented from the floor.

Slate was Approved by Acclamation.

4. Members voted on two proposals during the meeting.

Proposal 1 – Raise the annual dues for all members from the current \$7.00 per year to \$10.00 per year.

Proposal 2- Assess a late fee of \$5.00 upon the annual dues for “tardy renewals,” or those members who miss the delinquency date of January 31.

After a discussion from the floor, President Porter announced that voting would continue until 5:00, at which time past presidents Byron Wolff and Mike Duellman would count the votes.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:15.

At 5:15 President Porter announced that both measures passed.

Proposal #1 – Yes 113 No 7

Proposal #2 – Yes 111 No 8 (One was marked Unsure)

123 members and nine guests checked in for a total attendance of 132
120 ballots collected.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Laucks, Secretary